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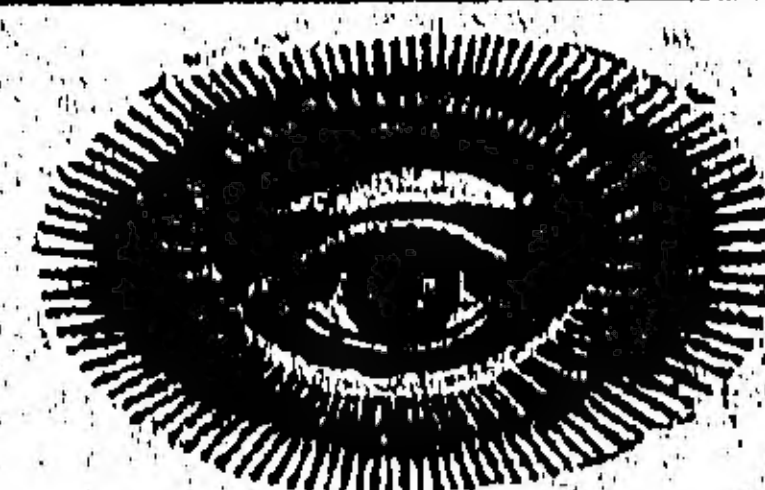
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## LABOUR AND CHINA.

**Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Latest Speech.**

### VIOLENCE OPPOSED.

**British Forces Can Return If Pact is Signed.**

A fresh plea for peace by negotiations has been made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Labour leader, who deprecates the use of force by either side.

The First Lord of the Admiralty states that the British are prepared to go a long way to meet Chinese wishes but they cannot neglect their duties toward British subjects in China, and notably the 8,000 British subjects in Shanghai.

There was a demonstration in the British Concession in Hankow yesterday, but it passed off without incident.

Italy is sending a Dreadnought with 1,500 men able to be used as a land force if necessary.

### No Force.

**NO MOBS OR ARMIES  
NEEDED.**

**Peace By Negotiations.**

London, Feb. 5.

Speaking at a crowded meeting in the Albert Hall, under the auspices of the National Joint Council of the Labour Movement "to demand peace with China," Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that the object of the meeting was to try to settle the Chinese question without either mobs or armies.

He emphatically declared that Hankow could not be repeated. If we were to give up all the privileges under these old Treaties they must be given up by negotiation and agreement and not by force by either side.

He denied that the Labour Party, by sending a message to Mr. Eugene Chen, was trying to negotiate with him. They would be going out of their proper sphere if they did; but they felt that Mr. Eugene Chen should be put in possession of Labour's views. Labour's messages had made it possible for Mr. Eugene Chen to continue the negotiations. "Let us say to Mr. Eugene Chen that if that Hankow document is signed saying that no further security for Shanghai is required the troops could be turned round and brought home," Reuter.

### SIMPLE FACTS.

**Britain And Her Duty to Her Subjects.**

Rugby, Feb. 6. Referring to the Chinese situation in a speech at Oswestry last night, the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, said that the British Government had been charged with aggression, yet aggression had come solely from the agitators and mobs who molested Europeans while pursuing their lawful occupations.

Under intense provocation the Government had shown the greatest self-control and had proceeded with negotiations because they were sympathetic with a good deal more than one half of what the Chinese demanded.

They were prepared to go a very long way to meet Chinese wishes, but they could not neglect their duty towards British subjects in China, and notably the 8,000 British residents in Shanghai.—British Wireless Service.

### ITALY AND CHINA.

**Ready to Use Force If Need Arises.**

Rome, Feb. 6. Signor Mussolini's note on China in reply to the British Note was despatched on Feb. 2, after mature consideration of the situation in the Far East and frequent communications with Sir Austen Chamberlain.

The Note agrees with the lines of British policy while making secondary reservations with regard to certain points in which British and Italian interests do not exactly coincide.

It is understood that the most important part of the Note is a statement that Italy is ready to join Britain even in using force

should the situation at Shanghai become critical.

A Rome telegram declares that it is learned authoritatively that an Italian dreadnought will go to China with 1,500 men able to be used as a land force if necessary.—Reuter.

### GENEVA VISIT.

**Connected With Events In China?**

Geneva, Feb. 6.

Mr. Chao Hsin-chu is expected here on Feb. 7 from Paris, supposedly in connection with events in China.

The Chinese delegation to the League of Nations, however, says that they know nothing of his plans.—Reuter.

### NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

**Demonstration in Hankow Concession.**

The 1st Cruiser squadron (ordered to China from the Mediterranean) is due to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow morning.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local Naval authorities:—  
A demonstration which passed through the Concession at Hankow yesterday passed off without incident.

A general day of "mourning for the martyrs" has been arranged for to-day (Monday).

The general situation at Hankow remains the same.  
The B.A.T. premises at Ichang, which were occupied by troops, have now been cleared, but the Customs Club and residences of the Chinese Maritime Customs staff have been commandeered.

General Tang Chen-chi has arrived at Changsha from Hankow.

[General Tang is now the greatest military power in Hankow, Changsha and district. He commands the 8th Nationalist Army. It was owing, more than anything else, to his squabbles with regard to the military governorship of Hunan province that trouble between the North and South developed into the present war.]

From Chinkiang comes the wireless news that 1,500 troops with field guns and horses, have embarked from there to above Nanking.

### SUFFOLK'S PARADE TO-DAY.

A smart and soldierly appearance was presented by the 2nd Battalion, the Suffolk Regiment, which paraded through the City this morning headed by the Regimental band.

Their progress was followed by a crowd of interested spectators.

### "DURHAM'S" DUE TO-DAY.

The B. and I. steamer "Takliwa" is due in Hong Kong at 3 p.m. to-day with the 2nd Battalion Light Infantry aboard. The Battalion embarked in India for possible service in China.

### MILITARY HOSPITALS.

**Educational Institutions Taken Over.**

The "China Mail" understands that the authorities are contemplating taking over the Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon, and King's College, Hong Kong, both

## J. G. KERR HOSPITAL.

**Care of Lunatics From Hong Kong.**

### A GENEROUS OFFER.

In connection with the changed conditions in the John G. Kerr Hospital in Canton which have made it necessary for the foreign head to resign, it is learned that the Hong Kong Government has made an offer regarding 140 lunatics who are inmates of the institution. These lunatics have been deported from the Colony from time to time, and although they are all Chinese subjects, the Hong Kong Government has always paid a grant of so much per head for their proper maintenance.

In view of the altered circumstances affecting the administration of the Hospital, it is learned the Hong Kong Government has addressed the Canton Government offering to continue the grant in respect of Chinese lunatics sent from the Colony on condition that these lunatics continue to receive treatment no different from that accorded to other patients of the institution.

There is no doubt that this graceful offer by the Hong Kong Government will be appreciated by the Cantonese authorities.

large new buildings, for use as military hospitals, on account of the large number of troops.

### SIR FRANCIS AGLEN.

**Powers To Make A Strong Protest.**

Rugby, Feb. 6.

Sir Francis Aglen, who in his absence, was dismissed from his post as Inspector-General of the Customs Services, has returned to Peking.

The position created by his dismissal was yesterday examined by the Diplomatic Corps.

The correspondent in Peking of the newspaper "Observer" says

### OUR \$50 PRIZE.

**A Minor Change In The Rules.**

Attention is called to a minor change in the rules of our \$50 Cross-Word Puzzle Competition. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry fee of fifty cents, but competitors can now send in three attempts for one dollar.

This will greatly simplify the sending in of entries where three or more are sent in.

that it was decided to make strong joint representations to the Peking Government on behalf of the Powers.—British Wireless Service.

### SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION.

**Views of Dr. Lim Boon-keng.**

Dr. Lim Boon-keng, O.B.E., President of the Amoy University, is at present in Singapore on a short holiday, the University having closed for the Chinese New Year holidays. Nothing unusual has happened at the University and the work is going on as usual.

In the course of a talk with a representative of the "Singapore Free Press" at the Garden Club, Dr. Lim Boon-keng said that he really could not say very much about the position in China. He was very difficult for a person in China to express his opinion. Statements were very apt to be misinterpreted and reproduced in twisted form. He referred to an instance which was the result of a statement published in the local Press during his last visit to Singapore and which was reproduced in the Chinese Press in a different form.

Personally, though things seemed very abnormal, he was of the opinion that the new British policy would simplify matters and solve the difficulty. It would take a little time, but a spirit of reconciliation would be restored without very much trouble.

He had not been to Hankow or Shanghai. There were a number

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## CLOSING DOWN.

**Local Tobacco Factory Decision.**

### SUPPLIES FROM ELSEWHERE.

About 3,000 women and a large number of male operatives are faced with unemployment through the decision of the Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co., Ltd., to stop manufacturing in Hong Kong.

Several factories are worked by the Nanyang Co. at Happy Valley (near Bowrington Canal) and at Sookumpoo (adjoining the French Convent).

Women and girls are employed to a large extent as unskilled labour but men fill the skilled positions and there are several hundreds of male employees of the company in Hong Kong. There are also large factories owned by the company at Shanghai and elsewhere.

It is understood that the company will continue its sales of cigarettes here, getting supplies from elsewhere but that only a skeleton staff of supervisors and storekeepers will be kept on at the local works.

Many brands are supplied to Chinese here.

It is understood that the company feel it undesirable to make cigarettes here since the last in crease of the tobacco duties in Hong Kong.

In addition to making the cigarettes, the company also made

wooden cases and other accessories in the East Point factories.

## THEFT FROM BOY.

**JAIL AND BIRCH FOR CHINESE.**

A small boy, aged nine years, presented a diminutive appearance in the witness box at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged before Major C. Wilson, sitting in the absence of Mr. R. E. Lindsell, with attempting to snatch a gold bangle from the boy's wrist at 860, Main Street, Shauiwan, yesterday morning.

Asked if he had any questions to ask, the accused informed his Worship that he was employed at the Naval Yard and was paying complimentary calls at the time of the alleged offence.

Major Willson: Was this one of them?

The boy's mother was also called, corroborating the evidence of her son. Witness caused some laughter when demonstrating the episode in high falsetto tones, being promptly told by the usher to moderate her voice.

His Worship, entering a conviction, sent the man to jail for six months with fifteen strokes of the birch.

## OPIUM HAULS.

**ALLEGED OFFENDERS IN COURT.**

Arrested on the floor above a pawnshop at No. 4, Peel Street, the proprietor of the establishment was charged by Senior Revenue Officer George Watt before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with the illegal possession of 16½ tael of opium. His Worship remanded the case for hearing before Mr. Lindsell on Thursday morning, allowing bail in \$2,000.

Another man arrested on the same premises with 1½ taels of the illicit drug in his possession, was remanded until the same date, bail in this instance being fixed at \$140.

The case against a watchman formerly employed by Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., was again mentioned at the Central Magistracy this morning when Chief Det. Insp. T. Murphy informed Major Willson that the complainant was now fit to give evidence, having been discharged from hospital yesterday. Major Willson set the case for hearing on Friday morning.

## SCHOOL WORK.

**Exhibition At Central British.**

### A HIGH STANDARD.

An interesting exhibition of school work, even higher in standard than that set last year, when the first was held, was to be seen this morning in the hall of Central British School, Kowloon.

The exhibition was arranged under the supervision of the Headmaster, Mr. G. F. Nightingale.

Paintings and drawings formed the greater part of the exhibition with a few examples of the work of the girls in sewing and cooking and of that of the boys at carpentry. Styles in writing—script and cursive—were also on display.

Views of the school grounds figured in the paintings of the senior classes which were remarkably well done. Other local features, such as Observatory Hill, figured in the exhibits. Deserving of special mention were those by George Arnold (his picture of the "Hawkins" was one of the most striking features) Peggy Whitley, Phyllis Gillingham and J. Maycock.

In original illustrations, R. Woolley had captured the spirit of Carnival. J. Maycock that of a storm, at sea, G. Arnold had some well executed book covers and in the designs class S. MacNider had a most effective scheme for embroidered panel. There was a well executed cushion centre, unnamed. Still life pictures were another striking lot, with pupils already mentioned figuring prominently in them. There was also plenty of free work and motion in the figure drawing class.

Class 2 artists also showed great promise, particularly pleasing being the design by Maud George for a dance programme, "Scenes from Forsaker," Mermaid, by George Arnold, Fountain in a Protestant Cemetery, by R. Woolley and the sea scenes of Eric MacNider.

The most interesting paintings in Class 3 were those which were written round exciting incidents which the scholars had been asked to picture. For instance, the picture by G. Carr and J. Black of such thrills as "as he spoke, he pitched headlong into the darkness beneath." There were also some excellent still life pictures by Sylvia Mandell, Y. Langley, J. Black, Stanley MacNider and A. Ursell.

Some finely conceived and executed lamp-shades by Una Mitchell & J. Paterson figured in Class 4's exhibits whilst in class 5 there were signs of real promise in the work of J. Suiter. F. Stokes, G. Moss and A. Chester were not far behind. Iris Woolley had some fine action pictures in this class.

There were some astonishingly good drawings and paintings in Class 6, the most junior of the school, the work of P. Everest, G. Reed and P. McCaw being particularly noticeable.

It should be mentioned in connection with all the above paintings and drawings that none are copied but all taken from the original objects.

Some excellent plasticine maps by Class 5 were also on display. Among the many visitors to the school this morning, including parents, was Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official forecast for all local districts is as follows: N. winds, fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

At 11.25 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—  
Pressure has increased considerably over Hongkong, moderately at Shanghai, and slightly at the majority of other reporting stations.  
Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 30.93; temperature 48°; wind N. W.; force 2; weather blue skies.

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day, was 2/0 13/16.

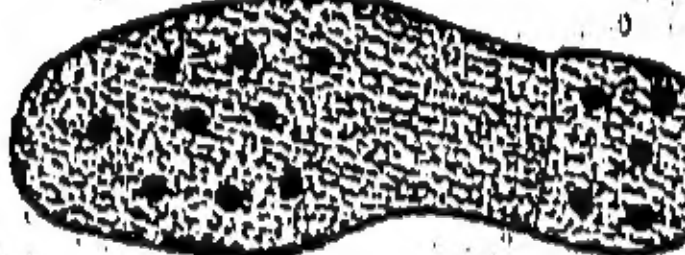
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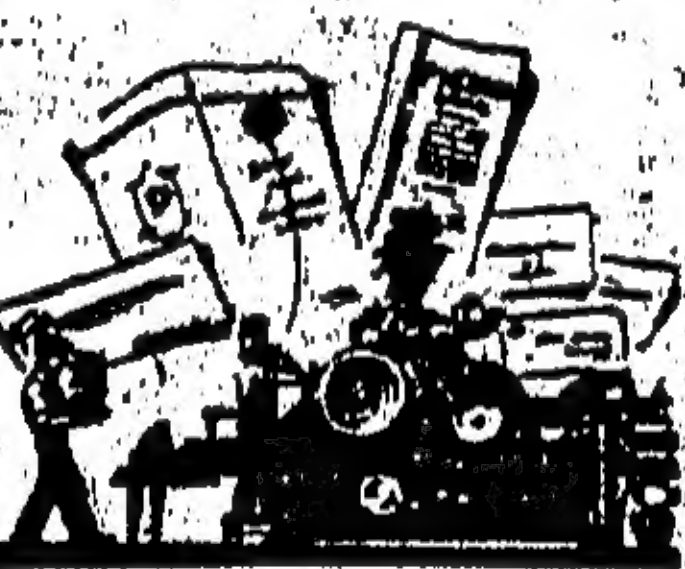
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By Order,  
The Manager.

Hong Kong, 4th February, 1927.

## HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Society will be held on TUESDAY, 8th February, 1927, at 5.15 p.m. in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.

All Ladies & Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or not, are cordially invited to attend.

### AGENDA.

To receive and pass the Committee's Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

To elect Officers & a new Committee for the current year.

To fix the date of the Annual Flower Show, which the Outgoing Committee recommend should be held on Thursday, 10th March, 1927.

To discuss any matter of interest to Horticulturists in Hong Kong and outlying districts.

E. B. C. HORNEILL,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st January, 1927.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 12th February, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th February to the 14th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, February 14th, 1927 to THURSDAY, February 24th, 1927, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
F. H. CRAPPELL,  
Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 6th, 1927.

## NOTICES.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Society, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article the following words be added "All meetings of the Society shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "Society" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the Society shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(3) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—  
Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(4) That in Article 122 (b) in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "both in Hong Kong and" be deleted and in Article 122 (d) in the fourth line thereof between the word "purposes" and the word "and," the following words be inserted "outside the Colony of Hong Kong."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting, and such Meeting will be held on Friday, the 4th day of March, 1927, at the same time and place, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1927.

By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.15 p.m. when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 55 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article the following words be added "All meetings of the Company shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—  
Votes of Members  
"80. On a show of hands every member present shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

(3) That in Article 89 in the first line thereof between the word "company" and the word "shall," the following words shall be inserted "from which the business of the company shall be managed, conducted and controlled."

(4) That between Articles 108 and 109, the following new Article be inserted:—  
Place of Directors' Meetings  
"108 (a). All meetings of Directors shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

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### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Fire Insurance Company Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Union Building, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1927, at 12.30 p.m., when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

(1) That in Article 65 in line 2 thereof the words "and place" be deleted and that at the end of such Article the following words be added "All meetings of the Company shall be held in Hong Kong or in such other place outside the United Kingdom as the Directors may from time to time determine."

(2) That Article 80 be deleted and in lieu thereof the following Article be substituted:—  
Votes of Members  
"80. On a show of hands every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him. No member not personally present shall be entitled to vote on a show of hands, unless such member is a corporation present by a proxy or a company present by a representative duly authorised by Section 69 of Ordinance No. 58 of 1911, in which case such proxy or representative may vote on the show of hands as if he were a member of the company."

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### STAR THEATRE'S MUSICAL DIRECTOR.

#### MR. H. MORRIS APPOINTED

Patrons of the Star Theatre, Kowloon, will learn with pleasure that Mr. Herbert Morris, the well-known pianist and accompanist of Dickson's "Globe Trotters," has been appointed to wield the baton at the cosy theatre on the other side of the harbour.

Mr. Morris' appointment to the Star Theatre will be generally welcomed by the music-loving community of the Colony, for "Bucky"—as he is generally known—brings with him a long experience of this essential side of the silent drama.

In making this important appointment, Hong Kong Amusements Ltd. have shown further proof of their policy of giving to the Colony nothing but the best in the matter of entertainment.

#### "Filial Piety"

The Cinematograph Department of the B.A.T. and the management of the World Theatre are to be congratulated on the production and screening respectively of this excellent picture. Here is a film which we would heartily commend to the picture-going public of the Colony; a human story, well-acted, dramatically, yet naturally staged, a real picture of life as lived by "Young China" to-day.

The "plot" is laid in Shanghai, and here can be seen familiar scenes and, in some of the "close ups"—especially in the final for International Soccer Cup (Scotland v. China)—well-known faces. No hair-raising stunts here; just a human story, told with vivid dramatic power, enacted in the great commercial metropolis of China; a picture to see.

The photography is excellent, and the music at yesterday's showing was up to the high standard set by the management of Hong Kong Amusements Ltd.

## THE EGG CLUB.

### ATTACK UPON SINGAPORE INSTITUTION.

Singapore, Jan. 29.  
A well-known Singapore institution much patronised by the frivolous is likely to disappear as the result of a decision of the Municipal Commissioners deleting Pura Street from the schedule of streets for night hawkers.

In Pura Street is situated the Egg Club, and it appears that complaints have been received from a Japanese hotel and a Chinese lodging-house in the vicinity that their patrons were unable to sleep owing to the noise, which went on at the Egg Club, and which sometimes continued until three o'clock in the morning.

Dr. Hunter told the Commissioners yesterday that petitions against the proposal had been received, but he did not think they were from the hawkers whose stall constituted the Egg Club, but from other hawkers in Pura Street who did not see why they should be penalised on account of the Egg Club customers.

Mr. Gattley: What is the connection between the hawkers and the Egg Club?

Dr. Hunter: It is the name given by Europeans to a stall in Pura Street.

Mr. Gattley: If you are going to do away with the hawkers in this street because of the trouble caused by the famous Egg Club what is to prevent the Club moving?

Dr. Hunter: It will move.

## BRIDE AS PATIENT.

### HOT WATER BOTTLES IN WEDDING CAR.

Miss Enid Mary Mellor, daughter of Sir Malcolm Mellor, was from her sickbed on December 15 to be married to Mr. Corbett Singleton, a planter, of Perak, at St. Peter's Church, Cranley Gardens, South Kensington.

The bride during the previous week had been suffering from a chill, but had recovered sufficiently to attend for the ceremony, and every precaution was taken to avoid undue risk.

She went in a closed car to the church, which had been specially heated, and after the ceremony, performed by the Rev. R. J. Hitchcock, a friend of the bridegroom's, and the vicar of St. Peter's, the Rev. Bertram Simpkin, she returned home in the closed car, and was kept warm by hot water bottles placed at her feet.

It was at first reported that after the reception the bride returned to bed, but her father told a "Daily News" representative that she had with her husband later in the day for her honeymoon, which is being spent in England before the couple go out to Perak.

Old scholars of the Royal Commercial Travellers' Schools at Pinner, Middlesex, are erecting a memorial tablet to the late Mr. A. B. L. Elliott, an old scholar, who was shot by an Arab in Mesopotamia while accompanying Mr. A. A. Cobham at air mechanic on his Anglo-African tour.

## TRAGIC DEATH.

### LEADER OF SAVOY HAVANA BAND.

#### GALLANTRY AFTER ACCIDENT.

London, Jan. 18.  
Cape Town.—Details of the fatal accident to Bert Ralton show that while he was creeping round a tree, stalking buck, he collided against the muzzle of the gun, causing it to discharge at point blank range. Ralton was very gallant, and begged the ladies in the party not to be distressed. While waiting for the ambulance, he asked for his ukulele and then sang, "I'll be loving you always" amid the tears of the womenfolk.

Greatest Saxophone Player.

London, Jan. 17.

Ralton was a ragged little urchin in the streets of San Francisco in 1914. He became the greatest saxophone player in the world.

The Manager of the Savoy Hotel Band in 1926 saw him, apparently, in most impetuous circumstances, playing a saxophone in the Strand. He gave him an audition the same afternoon and signed a contract after two minutes. Ralton soon led the first Havana Band at the Savoy and established his own band in 1923.

## BABY AND DISEASE.

### IMMUNITY TO INFECTIOUS BACTERIA.

A baby's immunity to infectious diseases is discussed by Surgeon-Commander Sheldon F. Dudley, R.N., in a report on "The Spread of Droplet Infection in Semi-isolated Communities," which is issued by the Medical Research Council.

"The new-born babe," Surgeon-Commander Dudley points out, seems to possess a remarkable immunity to certain infections, which is often casually explained as being due to its protected environment.

As a matter of fact, the opportunities which a new-born babe has of receiving doses of any bacteria that may be in the environment are considerable. A baby is fondled and caressed by all its immediate fellow mammals, and it really is remarkable that infantile mortality should be as low as it is.

But during the struggle for existence and the elimination of the unfit, a mechanism has arisen whereby new-born mammals are adapted to combat the different types of bacterial environments they may be born into.

Surgeon-Commander Dudley's report is limited to infections which are usually disseminated in droplets borne in the expired air of cases or carriers of disease, and his main conclusion is that infection is chiefly spread in sleeping quarters. He therefore urges that the most important method of preventing infection is to keep the beds as far apart as possible.

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## DANCING "DISEASE."

### DAME KENDAL ON MODERN WOMEN.

London.—The British Sunday is becoming a little too lively in the opinion of Dame Madge Kendal, the actress, who is 77 and who addressed a men's meeting at the Whitefield's Central Mission, Tottenham Court Road, W.

Among the points she made were:

People should keep one's day free for rest when they would not want to go to the theatre.

Dancing is becoming to-day something of a disease, for everybody is dancing, if you can call it dancing. I think it is walking about in strange positions.

We are getting too much like baa-lams in following one another. I never meet a woman of any class anywhere to-day without pearls on her neck. Oh, I am so tired of pearls!

And they always dress in the same way. I don't know what the poor darlings will be like when they are fifty.

There was a day when women prisoners had their hair shorn off as a punishment and disgrace. Now it is the fashion, and I sometimes find myself walking behind what I take to be a boy whom I know and find it is a girl whom I don't know. (Laughter.)

I don't like girls pretending to be sixteen when they are sixty. (Laughter.) Let us get back to our dear, quiet, contented ways; we should be so much better.

## THE INDIAN STATES.

### BRITAIN'S POLICY OF NON- INTERFERENCE.

London, Jan. 30.

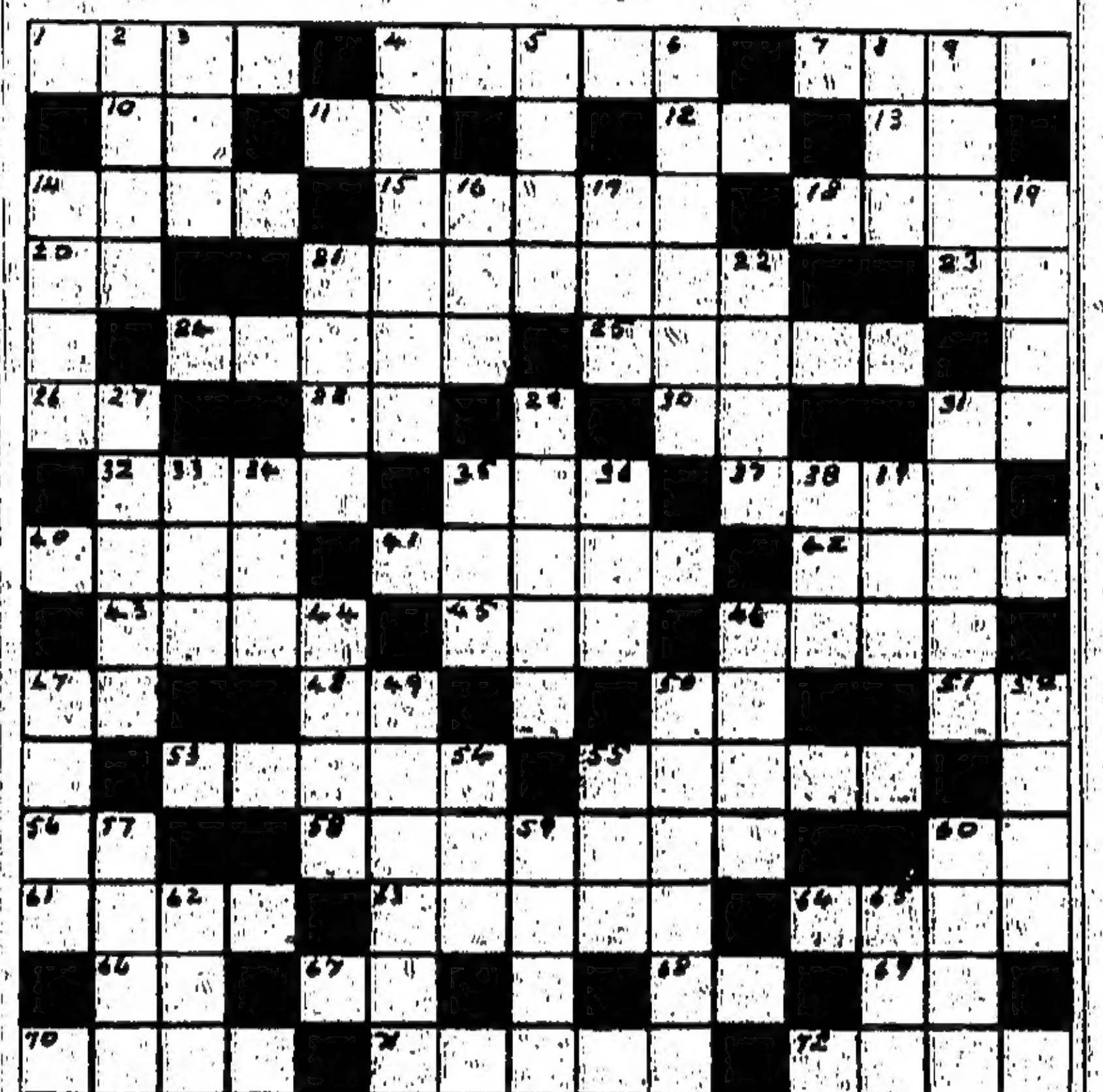
A message from Bikaner states that the Viceroy of India, Lord Irwin, delivered an important speech at a banquet there. He said his Government desired to follow a policy of non-interference in the internal life of the states. The relations of the states with British India were assuming a new aspect under present political developments. This was a matter of great moment to all and His Excellency hoped his words would receive the collaboration and advice of the Chamber of Princes.

## "CHINA MAIL" CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

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#### CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, FEB. 14.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

#### Clues Across.

1. To keep in safety.
4. A knob in roots.
7. To ripple.
10. Postscript (abbrev.)
11. Direction.
12. Printers' unit of measure.
13. Thus.
14. Causes water to a mill.
15. Turns round.
16. Oceans.
17. 3rd pers. sing. pres. of "Be."
18. A small tinned fish.
19. Mother.
20. To revolve.
21. Style of expression.
22. Edition (abbrev.)
23. Doctor of Divinity (abbrev.)
24. Us.
25. Advertisement (abbrev.)
26. Thick hempen cord.
27. Open (postive).
28. Close by.
29. A group of recent quadruped.
30. A lifting machine.
31. Destruction.
32. A girl's name.
33. To perform.
34. A mail.
35. Church of England (abbrev.)
36. 6th note in scale.
37. Like this.
38. Her (no H).
39. Begin.
40. An erection.
41. V.A. (actual).
42. A pot for stewing in.
43. Theosophical Society (initia).
44. To increase.
45. Mentally conceived.
46. A box.
47. Masculine pronoun.
48. In the same manner.
49. Knock-out (abbrev.)
50. Hold; stop; (inter.)
51. To provide for.
52. To be.
53. To send away (as from employ. ment).

#### Clues Down.

2. Imitates.
3. Royal Scottish Society (abbrev.)
4. Ready to do.
5. Keep together.
6. To snow again.
7. To employ.
8. To wander.
9. Animate existence.
10. Part of word, "or king."
11. Dull.
12. A variety of quartz.
13. Edge or border of anything.
14. Eve's garden.
15. A bag that collects no money.
16. Room.
17. Get up.
18. Old (pidgin-English).
19. By means of.
20. Pray (Latin).
21. Suffix (belonging to—).
22. An Epoch.
23. A.U.S. (actual).
24. Denotes pity.
25. Anything lent.
26. A shelter.
27. A professor of an art.
28. Stems.
29. Ascended.
30. To lay grass.
31. A watering place.
32. Continued pain.
33. A dam across a river.
34. Price (then reverse it).
35. A female fowl.
36. Exclamation of pleasure.



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## PUBLIC HEALTH.

BULLETIN OF THE EASTERN  
PORTS.

The Health bulletin of the  
Eastern ports for the week ended  
January 29, states:-

Plague.  
1 case at Mauritius, 5 cases at  
Rangoon, 1 case at Colombo, 1 case  
at Sourabaya.

Cholera.  
38 cases at Calcutta, 1 case at  
Negapatam, 1 case at Rangoon, 1  
case at Bangkok.

Small-pox.  
19 cases at Bombay, 38 cases at  
Calcutta, 17 cases at Madras, 4  
cases at Rangoon, 4 cases at Tutu-  
corin, 8 cases at Vizagapatam, 5  
cases at Bangkok, 17 cases at  
Vladivostok.

## FERRIES SINK.

A collision, fortunately not at-  
tended by loss of life, but result-  
ing in the sinking of both vessels,  
occurred off Cosmopolitan Dock  
on Saturday at 6 a.m.

The boats involved were the  
"Man Kat" and "Man On," the  
two Hong Kong Shamshuipeo  
ferries.

The "Man Kat" was the more  
badly damaged and a rapid trans-  
fer of passengers from this boat to  
the "Man On" was effected just  
in time, the boat sinking soon  
after this was completed.

The "Man On," also badly dam-  
aged, managed to reach the Cos-  
mopolitan Dock and shortly after  
discharging passengers she also  
sank.

The Police and Harbour author-  
ities have been unable as yet to  
get in touch with the coxswains.

The new Cosulich liner "Vul-  
cania" was launched at Trieste.  
She is destined for the South  
American service.

## FORMAL PROTEST.

New York, Feb. 5.  
It is understood that Britain is  
preparing a formal protest  
against the terms of the new Im-  
migration Bill which would ex-  
clude from American ports all  
foreign ships employing seamen  
of other countries who are  
ineligible to enter the United  
States as immigrants.

Under the Bill, which has al-  
ready passed the Senate, Lascars  
will be prohibited from coming to  
America on any vessel except ones  
flying the flag of India. Similar-  
ly no ship employing Chinese  
seamen could come into port un-  
less it was Chinese.—Reuter's  
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## MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Tilawa" will leave  
Amoy for this port on Feb. 9, p.m.,  
and is due here on Feb. 10, at  
about 3 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirala" left  
Singapore for this port on Feb. 5,  
a.m., and is due here on Feb. 11,  
at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Nagpore" is  
due here on Feb. 11, at about noon.

The C.F.S. R.M.S. "Empress of  
Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken,  
R.N.R.) will leave here for Vic-  
toria Vancouver, B.C., via Shang-  
hai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama  
at noon on Feb. 16.

The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East  
Asiatic Co. Ltd.) left Antwerp on  
Jan. 25, and is due here on or about  
March 2.

## SEIZED GERMAN SHIPS.

Washington, Feb. 6.  
The alien Property Bill, which  
has just left the House of Repre-  
sentatives and been reported to  
the Senate, proposes payment of  
\$42,544,000 to Germany for the  
"Leviathan" and other German  
ships seized during the war.—  
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## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVALS.

The following passengers landed  
at Hong Kong on Feb. 4 from the  
P. & O. s.s. "Morea" from Shang-  
hai:—Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Arthur,  
Mr. A. J. Atkins, Mr. G. A. F.  
Brown, Mr. I. C. Chu, Mr. P. Con-  
way, Miss L. E. Glanville, Mr. H. E.  
Hyde, Mr. P. H. Ho, Mr. S. Har-  
daway, Mr. H. Hume, Mr. and Mrs.  
L. E. Illingworth, Mr. C. Johnson,  
Miss D. Latimer, Mr. J. Martin,  
Mr. H. F. Newton, Mr. and Mrs.  
L. F. Schutt, Miss A. Wilson, Mr.  
E. A. Yates.

The following passengers sailed  
from Hong Kong on the P. & O.  
s.s. "Morea" for London via Singa-  
pore on Feb. 5:—Mr. and Mrs.  
J. W. E. Adams, Miss S. C. Bjork-  
lund, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Bray,  
Miss E. Campbell, Mr. F. Crebbin,  
Mr. E. E. H. Hume, Mr. R. van Eck,  
Mr. H. J. Elbourne, Mr. N. Fitzmaurice,  
Mrs. J. E. Hancock, Mr. G. Hendie,  
Mr. J. F. van Hengel, Mr. V. de  
La M. Hurst, Mr. C. F. Hyde, Mr.  
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Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod,  
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E. Newhouse, Mr. J. Nieuwenhuys,  
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J. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Sloan,  
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EMPERESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 31

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AMAZON MARU ..... Saturday, 5th March.	
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Tuesday, 1st March.
MONTEVIDEO MARU ..... Tuesday, 1st March.	
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Tuesday, 15th February.
INDO MARU ..... Tuesday, 15th February.	
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	Wednesday, 16th February.
INDO MARU ..... Wednesday, 16th February.	
HEIDAN MARU ..... Wednesday, 23rd February.	
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.	Friday, 25th February.
TACOMA MARU ..... Friday, 25th February.	
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.	Middle of March.
KOHO MARU ..... Middle of March.	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.	Thursday, 10th February.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.	
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.	Friday, 18th February.
MENADO MARU ..... Friday, 18th February.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.	Thursday, 10th February.
HAYRE MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 10th February.	
JAPAN PORTS	Wednesday, 23rd February.
GANGES MARU ..... Wednesday, 23rd February.	
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	Sunday, 18th February, 10 a.m.
HOZAN MARU ..... Sunday, 20th February, 10 a.m.	
KAIJO MARU ..... Sunday, 20th February, 10 a.m.	
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.	Thursday, 10th February, 8 a.m.
KOTSU MARU ..... Thursday, 10th February, 8 a.m.	
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	Beginning of February.
NITTO MARU ..... Beginning of February.	
DAIREN VIA CHEFOO & TSINGTAO.	Beginning of February.
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KALYAN	9,144	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,002	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
NAGPORE	8,283	15th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	9,114	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,156	16th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,097	23rd April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,002	30th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	7th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHIVA	9,135	14th May	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	21st May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,504	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	4th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MANTUA	10,002	11th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	9,144	18th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MACEDONIA	11,120	25th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull

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TILAWA	10,000	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
PALEMA	10,000	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,541	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	5,257	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

## EASTERN &amp; AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,860	4th March	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
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TANDA	6,860	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SHIRALA	7,541	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NAGPORE	8,283	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
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KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
LAHORE	8,283	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MALWA	10,000	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	5,000	15th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,438	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,852	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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S.S. "PELEUS"	Via Suez Canal	25th February.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL"	do.	5th March.
S.S. "ATREUS"	do.	25th March.
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## NORWAY'S OUTLOOK

DESPERATE SITUATION OF THE  
INDUSTRY.

ONLY 2 CARGO BOATS IN HAND.

The final meeting in 1926 of the  
Shipowners' Association of Oslo  
was enlivened by a discussion which  
followed a lengthy communication  
made by Mr. Kristoffer Olson on the  
desperate situation of the  
national shipbuilding industry.At the outset the speaker stated  
that 10,000 men were employed by  
the shipyards in 1920 on new con-  
struction and repairs; to-day there  
are between 2,000 and 3,000 men,  
but even for these there is a very  
little to do. Between 1921 down to  
October 1, 1926, the merchant fleet  
has been increased from 2,100,000  
gross tons to 2,738,000 tons, but  
only an insignificant part of the in-  
crease has been built in Norway.At the same time the shipbuilding  
industry has constantly de-  
clined, so that it is now almost at  
the zero point. At present there  
are only two small cargo ships be-  
ing built, one of which is on order  
and the other is being  
constructed "on spec." The  
other work in hand com-  
prises some whalers, a small cable  
ship, a training ship, and a passen-  
ger ship for service in the fjords.  
Tonnage under construction for  
Norwegian account abroad amounts  
to 196,000 tons. Before the war the  
Norwegian yards built an  
average of 35,000 tons per annum,  
although the output in 1907 was up  
to 54,000 tons; the native yards are  
now able to turn out about 150,000  
tons per annum. In the opinion of  
the speaker it is a question of  
first importance to the community  
to get these abnormal conditions  
set right.After referring to the well-known  
causes as to why Norwegian build-  
ers are unable to compete with for-  
eign yards—the much higher wages  
than in Denmark and Sweden, for  
instance, the unstable quotation for  
the krone, and the inadequate cus-  
toms refund on materials import-  
ed for new construction or repairs  
—Mr. Olsen mentioned that the  
wages agreement with the shipyard  
workers would expire at the begin-  
ning of February, when he hoped  
that the men would perceive that  
it was in their own interest to agree  
to a regulation of the matter as  
soon as possible.

State Guarantees.

Coming to the question of State  
guarantees of loans for new con-  
struction in England, Germany and  
Sweden, Mr. Olsen stated that he  
was informed that such a policy  
would soon be discontinued in Eng-  
land. In this connection he recall-  
ed the resolution passed by the  
Baltic and White Sea Conference  
last June expressing alarm at the  
policy of some Governments and  
local authorities of offering finan-  
cial facilities for the building of  
new tonnage at a time when the  
world is suffering from a super-  
fluity of tonnage. Continuing, Mr.  
Olsen said that it was obvious that  
an extended and easy grant of cre-  
dits gives an artificial stimulus to  
new construction; and this too, at  
a time when there is too much ton-  
nage in the world.As to the question of State aid,  
Mr. Olsen said that the time has  
arrived for putting an end to the  
cry from nearly all sources for  
such assistance. With regard to  
credits for new construction the  
own initiative of the shipowners  
would be able to manage this mat-  
ter as the proposed Ship Mortgage  
Institute would soon be a reality.  
In the meantime the banks have  
plenty of money and would prob-  
ably be more willing to lend it.

Repair Jobs.

At any rate, Mr. Olsen stated that  
something must be done to prevent  
the extinction of an industry which  
has all conditions for prospering.  
In this connection he referred to  
way in which shipowners could  
assist the shipyards to a greater  
extent than has been the case in  
the past year.Only 20 per cent. of the annual  
repairs of the combined fleet is  
reckoned to come to the Norwegian  
yards, the remaining 80 per cent.  
being executed abroad. About 75  
per cent. of the whole of the Nor-  
wegian fleet calls at European ports,  
so that only 25 per cent. constantly  
sails between countries outside  
Europe. As a rule the vessels  
forming this 25 per cent. are cut  
off from returning to Norway for  
repairs, although it has happened  
that some of them have been  
brought home for this purpose, prob-  
ably because the owners have  
found it profitable to do so.But with a comparatively small  
sacrifice Mr. Olsen contended that  
most of the 75 per cent. plying in  
European waters could go home for  
repairs. As 20 per cent. of these  
is returned home for repairs the  
balance of 55 per cent. is repaired  
at yards at a sailing distance of  
from three to four days. While  
urgent and trivial repairs must be  
carried out in foreign ports all  
large repairs as far as possible  
should be undertaken in Norway.  
In this respect shipowners should  
come to the aid of the yards, where  
the work can be carried out as  
cheaply and as well as abroad.

ENGINEERS' GUILD.

On Wednesday, at 5 p.m., the  
Marine Engineers' Guild of  
China, Hong Kong branch, is to  
hold an ordinary meeting at the  
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Destination.	Steamer	Sailing
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Tues., 8th Feb., at 8 p.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 9th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Canton	FOOSHING	Thurs., 10th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Tientsin	CHEONGSHING	Thurs., 10th Feb., at 5 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Fri., 11th Feb., at 8 p.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & Shanghai	HOPSANG	Sun., 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Haiphong	MINGSANG	Sun., 13th Feb., at 10 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	LAISANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	SUTSANG	Tues., 15th Feb., at 8 p.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & Shanghai	FOOSHING	Wed., 16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Thurs., 17th Feb., at 2 p.m.
Osaka via Moji, Kobe & Moji	HOSANG	Sat., 19th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	NAMSANG	Sat., 19th Feb., at 8 p.m.
Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sun., 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Tues., 5th Mar., at 1 p.m.

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## CHANNEL DISASTER.

STEAMER AND BARQUE IN  
COLLISION.

TWENTY-FOUR LIVES LOST.

London, Jan. 28.  
Twenty-four hands of the French  
barque "Eugene Schneider" are be-  
lieved to have been lost in a col-  
lision late on Christmas night with  
the Elder Dempster steamer  
"Burutu" of Liverpool, 30 miles  
south-west of St. Catherine's.The "Burutu" put into Portland  
Harbour on Sunday, and reported  
the details of the collision.Four Frenchmen succeeded in  
getting aboard the "Burutu," and  
they appeared to be the only sur-  
vivors of 28 hands.The "Eugene Schneider" owned at  
Nantes, was of a gross tonnage of  
2,228, and was built in 1902. She  
left Kanoka, West Coast of Africa,  
on October 7, and was bound for  
Ghent.The collision and its disastrous  
results were a matter of minutes.  
The night was dark, when, between  
11 o'clock and midnight, the  
steamer and barque suddenly came  
upon one another.While the vessels were locked to-  
gether four of the barque's crew  
clambered on the steamer. Imme-  
diately afterwards the "Eugene  
Schneider" disappeared in the dark  
ness, and nothing more was seen of  
her.The "Burutu" which received  
damage to her bows, made for Port-  
land with the four survivors, and  
will remain there for examination.  
The four men saved are French  
seamen, and do not speak English.  
They were cared for at Portland  
until the French Consul could be  
communicated with. Their names  
are Bihan, Hinban, Carlon and  
Huet.The "Burutu" is bound from Ham-  
burg to Sapele, West Africa, with  
a general cargo, and left Antwerp  
on Wednesday last. She carries no  
passengers.Lloyd's Weymouth agent reports  
that the "Eugene Schneider" sank.  
The "Burutu" lowered her boats and  
searched for survivors without re-  
sult.Mr. W. R. Jones, captain of the  
"Burutu," in an interview, said it  
was a rough night, and no naviga-  
tion lights were seen when the  
collision occurred. At present it  
is impossible to say more. The  
third officer of the "Burutu," Mr.  
Summers, was on watch at the time.

S'PORE HARBOUR.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANCHOR-  
AGE IN INNER ROADS.

Singapore, Jan. 27.

Capt. G. Freyberg, R.N., Master  
Attendant, has issued the follow-  
ing notification to mariners:—Owing to numerous complaints  
concerning the congested state of  
the inner roads and the use of the  
deeper portion of the harbour by  
steam and motor vessels of small  
tonnage, the following instructions  
are issued for the benefit of the  
shipping community:—All vessels not exceeding 150 feet  
in length and having a draught of  
less than 12 feet, are now ordered  
to anchor to the northward of a  
line drawn at right angles to the  
breakwater from the Post Office  
temporary pier. The pier in ques-  
tion, which is not shown on Ad-  
miralty chart No. 1935, is situated  
1½ cables southward of inner end  
of Johnston's pier.All colliers are only to anchor at  
southern entrance to Inner Roads.  
The Boarding Officers have in-  
structions to see these orders,  
which are liable to alteration or  
revision strictly carried out.Further information concerning  
the proposed alteration in position  
of moorings for Government steam  
yacht "Sea Belle" will be issued  
later.

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day will be subject to rent.Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City  
of Lahore" are reminded that goods  
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day will be subject to rent.

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.  
SHINYO MARU ..... Tuesday, 22nd February.  
SIBERIA MARU (Calls Keelung) ..... Sunday, 8th March, at 10 a.m.  
"Calls Los Angeles."SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los  
Angeles, Mexico & Panama.GINYO MARU ..... Saturday, 20th Feb., at Noon.  
ANYO MARU ..... Tuesday, 3rd May, at Noon.

MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP &amp; ROTTERDAM via Ports.

HAKOZAKI MARU ..... Saturday, 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.  
HAKUSAN MARU ..... Saturday, 20th Feb., at 11 a.m.  
KITANO MARU ..... Saturday, 12th March.

SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE via Manila &amp; Ports.

MISHIMA MARU ..... Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.  
TANGO MARU ..... Wednesday, 23rd March.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TATSUNO MARU ..... Saturday, 12th February.  
CALCUTTA MARU ..... Monday, 21st February.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said &amp; Ports.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban &amp; Cape Town.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE &amp; COLOMBO.

AWA MARU ..... Thursday, 10th February.

SEIYO MARU ..... Tuesday, 22nd February.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG &amp; RANGOON.

NAGATO MARU ..... Tuesday, 8th February.

OSAKA MARU ..... Friday, 18th February.

NAGASAKI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ..... Friday, 19th February.

SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

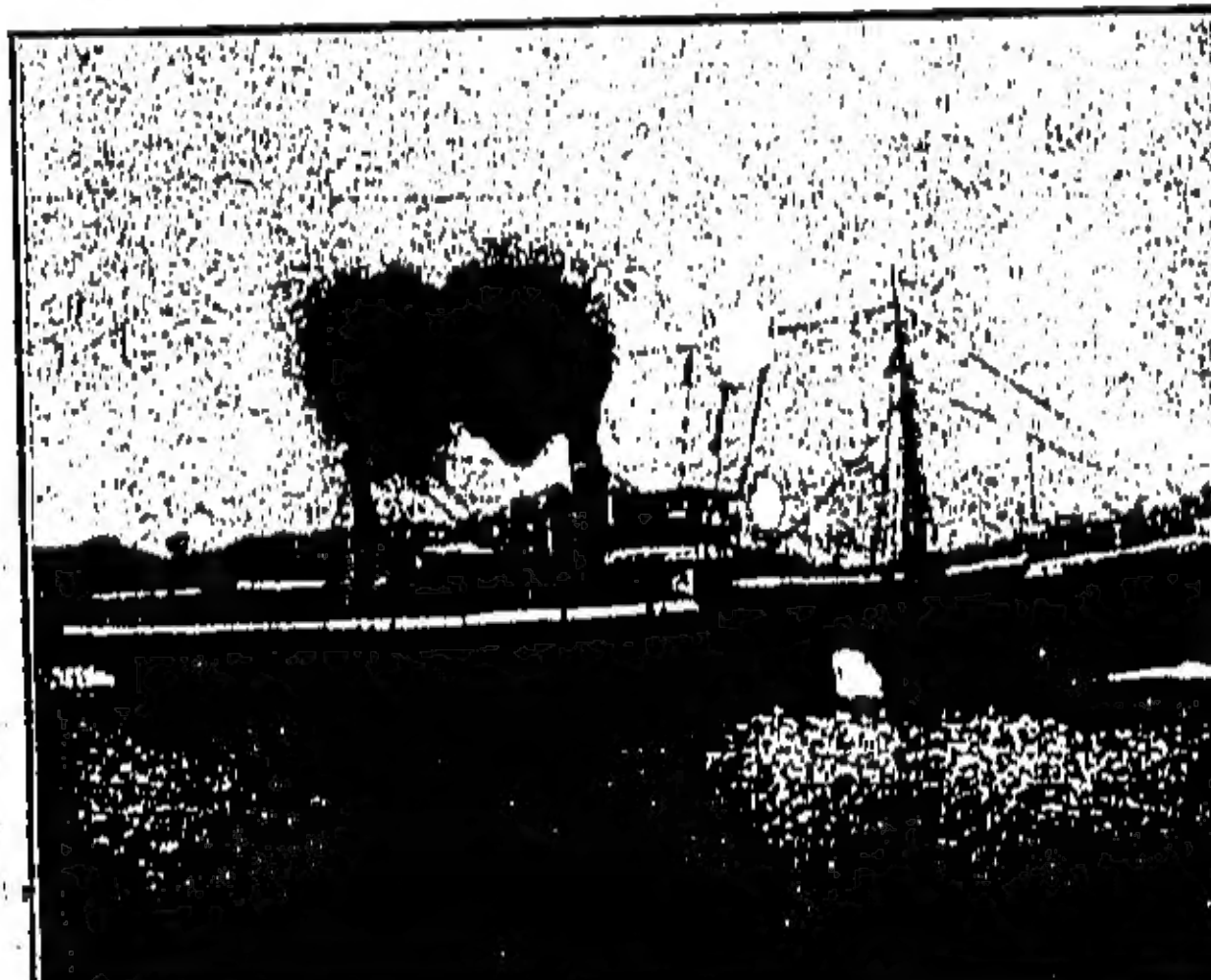
HARUNA MARU ..... Monday, 7th February.

KAMO MARU ..... Tuesday, 22nd February.

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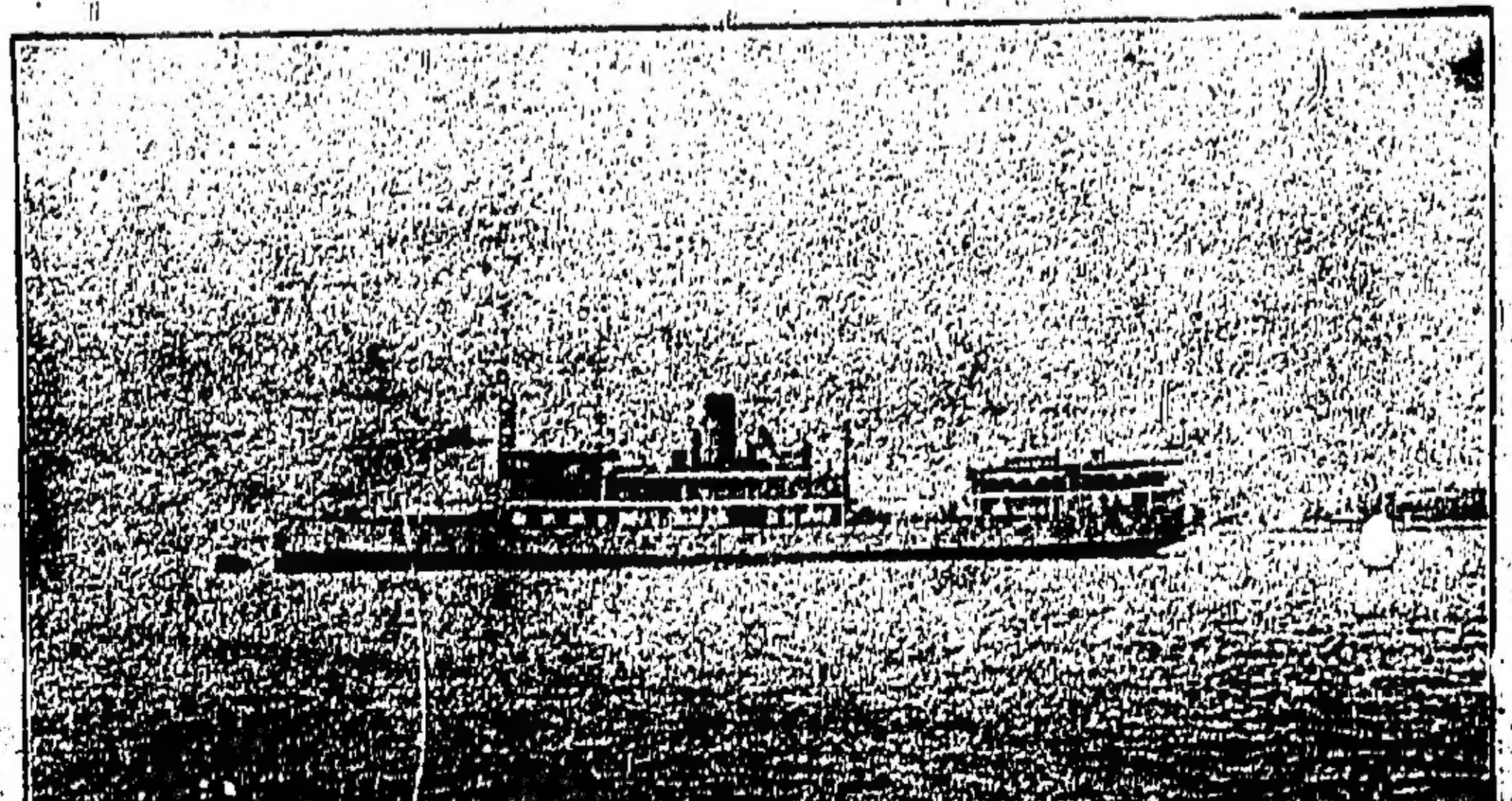
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dolence and floral tributes in their  
recent bereavement.

Hong Kong, Monday, Feb. 7, 1927.

**"A MEANINGLESS SLOGAN."**Very properly the First Lord of  
the Admiralty, Mr. W. Bridge-  
man, has declared that the cry  
against British "Imperialism" is  
a silly meaningless slogan, and, if  
it has any meaning, it is a lie. It  
is questionable, indeed, whether  
those who use the term most as  
an invective against the British  
have the faintest conception of its  
true significance. Unfortunately  
such slogans, however meaning-  
less, are apt to cause some mis-  
chief amongst those who do not  
take the trouble to stop and  
think. The longer they go un-  
refuted the more will the illiter-  
ate cling to a belief in them and  
obstinately reject any arguments  
to the contrary. They are too un-  
educated to take the trouble of  
ascertaining the versions published  
in their own respectable ver-  
nacular papers, and even when  
they learn of certain facts pub-  
lished in the foreign newspapers  
they are as unconvinced as ever.  
To those who refuse to look  
facts in the face and are only  
out to injure the British the past  
history of relations between Great  
Britain and China remains a sealed  
book. It would destroy their  
prestige with the illiterate mob  
to open its pages and quote chap-  
ter and verse showing Great Bri-  
tain in a light far different fromthat which they are so in-  
dustriously foisting on to a  
credulous people. The student  
class of agitators profess to  
be anxious to shake off the  
shackles of British "Imperi-  
alism," little reckoning that they  
are themselves rapidly becoming  
enslaved in the coils of their Bol-  
shevist tutors whose chief objec-  
tive is avowedly the destruction  
of everything British. In regard  
to the brief history of Soviet  
dealings in China there is every-  
thing that is mean and sordid and  
cunning. But there is not one  
action that either the Soviet or  
China can cite as truly tending to  
prompt the real welfare of China  
as a nation. The mere abolition  
of Soviet extraterritorial rights  
was nothing but a bait for the  
Chinese to swallow. Moreover,  
the Soviet have done what neither  
Great Britain nor any of the  
other foreign Powers have done—  
they have openly taken sides  
with one of the contending fac-  
tions in China and supplied them  
with arms and munitions to pur-  
sue the civil war. They have in-  
cited one section of the Chinese  
to rise and kill their compatriots.  
These are facts that must be  
weighed in the balance whenever  
and wherever the slogan of Bri-  
tish "Imperialism" is raised in  
China.**The Re-Opening of Parliament.**The really fascinating thing  
about the great game of politics  
is that it is such a gamble. You  
never can tell what may happen,  
when, where, why or to whom.  
Great controversies arise as  
suddenly and dramatically, as air  
raids, and famous statesmen are  
as uncertain factors as race-  
horses. To-morrow's ceremony  
at Westminster provides fitting  
opportunity for some comment  
upon the political situation at  
home. At the present moment  
the outlook at Westminster seems  
almost uninteresting in its lack  
of potential excitement. There  
are the Tories, chastened in spirit  
by harsh adversity and the  
menace of Socialism, holding  
office with, we believe, the big-  
gest majority since 1832. The  
one topic of the hour is the situa-  
tion in China, and here we find  
the Socialist leaders making pro-  
nouncements intimating their  
support of the Government.  
Everything in the garden appears  
to be lovely. Most people thought  
when first the Baldwin Cabinet  
took form, that fiscal issues might  
furnish the inevitable apple of  
discord. There seemed such in-  
finite possibilities of friction,  
what with the "Die Hards" and  
Mr. Churchill, a wilful man of  
his own mind, in charge of the  
Treasury. Yet the genial Chan-  
celor of the Exchequer has aban-  
doned all quarrelsome ideas, and  
through the waters of finance,  
and those who would seek inter-est in the forthcoming Session  
must look elsewhere. We are  
inclined to think that a more  
promising topic of Ministerial  
friction and general public inter-  
est is House of Lords reform. It  
will be recalled that Mr. Baldwin  
pledged himself explicitly to  
tackle this thorny problem dur-  
ing his last election campaign,  
when everyone had the "RED"  
perf thrust down their throats.  
We think we are correct in stat-  
ing that Mr. Baldwin never com-  
mitted himself to any specific de-  
tails of any proposals he may  
have had in mind. He simply  
agreed that urgent necessity  
would compel a remodelling of  
the Constitution as Mr. Asquith's  
magnus opus, the Parliament  
Act, left it. . . . single-chamber  
government with slight modifica-  
tion. What the Commons decree  
three times running in general  
Acts of Parliament is law. But  
now the ingenuity of politicians  
"One that would circumvent  
God," quoth Hamlet—has dis-  
covered that, under the guise of  
a Finance Bill, everything needed  
to the complete Red revolution  
could quite neatly be forced  
through the Westminster factory  
of destiny. Hence the eager de-  
sire to safeguard against possible  
future House of Commons  
majorities whose complexions  
might be of the rosy hue. Many  
suggestions have been mooted in  
political circles at home, and it  
is known that there are two  
decided points of view among  
members of the Cabinet itself.  
Moreover, it may be taken for  
granted that the more moderate  
members of the late Labour Min-  
istry are by no means anxious of  
doing away with a very con-  
venient excuse for not walking  
the Communist plank on some  
future occasion. Whether Mr.  
Baldwin intends proceeding with  
the reform of the Upper Cham-  
ber during the coming Session,  
remains to be seen. We must  
await His Majesty's Speech from  
the Throne to-morrow.**SHANGHAI WEDDING.****HONG KONG RESIDENT  
MARRIED.**An interesting wedding took  
place very quietly in Shanghai at  
the British Consulate on Febru-  
ary 1. The parties were Mr.  
H. J. Pearce, M.C., of Hong Kong  
and Miss Mary Leckie, of Han-  
kow.  
Mr. Pearce is well-known in  
Hong Kong. He is an executive  
engineer in the Public Works  
Department here in charge of the  
Building Ordinance office and is  
a keen yachtsman, owning the  
yacht "Argulla II" in the Handi-  
cap class which he regularly sails  
in the R.H.K.Y.C. races.  
He is also well-known in con-  
nection with the Ex-Active Ser-  
vicemen's Club, being a founder  
of it and at the present time one  
of its Vice-Presidents. He served  
in the Great War and was award-  
ed the Military Cross. He is a  
son of the late Edward Pearce  
Esq. and Mrs. Pearce of Wey-  
mouth, England.  
Miss Leckie is of Hankow,  
where she has been living for  
some eighteen months. She is  
the daughter of the late Alex-  
ander Leckie Esq. and Mrs.  
Leckie of London.  
The ceremony was very quiet,  
both bride and bridegroom at-  
tending in travelling dress. Mr.  
E. G. Jamieson, Acting British  
consul, performed the ceremony  
and a few friends of the parties  
were present among them being  
Lt.-Col. V. Coates of the Punjab  
Regiment now stationed in  
Shanghai, Eng. Commander  
Rampling, of H.M.S. "Hawkins,"  
Miss Somerville, Mr. A. Hanson  
and Mr. P. Oliver.Afterwards a reception was  
held at the Astor House Hotel  
where friends of Mr. and Mrs.  
Pearce from Hong Kong, Shang-  
hai and Hankow gathered to offer  
their felicitations and later in the  
day Mr. and Mrs. Pearce left for  
Peking, where the honeymoon is  
being spent.**HONG KONG JOURNALIST  
MARRIED.**At St. John's Cathedral on  
Saturday morning, the Rev. H. V.  
Copley Moyle, M.A., Colonial  
Chaplain, officiated at the wed-  
ding of Mr. William Alastair  
Donaldson, of the Hong Kong  
Daily Press, and Miss Mar-  
guerite de Diban Faber, who ar-  
rived in the Colony by the P. & O.  
s.s. "Mantua" on Friday.  
Following the ceremony at the  
Cathedral, a largely-attended re-  
ception was held at the Hong  
Kong Hotel, where the newly-  
married couple were the re-  
cipients of many congratulations.  
Mr. Donaldson, who has been  
associated with the Far Eastern  
Journalist for a number of  
years, joined the Editorial staff  
of the "Hong Kong Daily Press"  
in June of last year. Prior to a  
year's service in England, Mr.  
Donaldson edited the "Shanghai  
Morning News" and "Colonial En-  
pire," Shanghai.**REFUGEE SISTERS.****EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR  
SYMPATHY.****SHIPS' OFFICERS THANKED.**The twelve Spanish Sisters who  
arrived from Foochow following  
the riots by the student and coolie  
mob and the looting of religious  
institutions, left here on Friday on  
the s.s. "President Taft" for  
Manilla to which place they have  
been called by the Superior of  
their order.Prior to their departure the  
Sister left a letter expressing their  
gratitude for sympathy shown  
them and help given while they  
were in Hong Kong.A copy of this letter has been  
handed to us for publication by  
Father F. R. Noval, Procurator of  
the Spanish Dominion Procurator  
for Missions, Hong Kong.Dear Mr. Editor.—Having been  
recalled to Manila by our Superior  
we feel that we cannot leave these  
shores without writing to express  
to our many benefactors our  
heartfelt gratitude for the in-  
numerable kindnesses received dur-  
ing our short stay.We arrived in Hong Kong a few  
night ago terribly scared and upset  
by the horrors of our enforced  
flight from the violent and the Red  
borders in Foochow, and by the total  
destruction of the labours to which  
we had dedicated our lives, our  
hearts and our souls.The welcome accorded to us in  
Hong Kong, and the many kind-  
nesses shown to us have to a great  
extent helped us to overcome the  
shock of our sudden flight.We crave the courtesy of your  
columns to express to Captain  
Stewart and the officers of the s.s.  
"Halchitz" our sincere and heart-  
felt gratitude for all their care and  
solicitude for our welfare, and for  
the prudence and bravery shown  
during our terrifying journey from  
Foochow. The loving reception and  
many kindnesses received from the  
Sisters of the French Convent dur-  
ing our stay with them can only  
be repaid by our prayers and our  
deep sense of obligation. We are  
deeply grateful to the Italian and  
the Maryknoll Sisters, and for the  
generous accommodation they offered  
us, together with the moral sup-  
port we received from their words  
of consolation and the different  
manifestations of sympathy.We thank most sincerely the  
French Consul, M. Georges Dufauré  
de la Prade; Mr. Choa Po-sien,  
and Mr. Leong for all they did in  
getting up subscriptions and other  
ways of helping us. Our heartfelt  
thanks to all those who generously  
came forward with donations, to  
purchase much-needed articles of  
clothing, or who sent us much re-  
quired clothing for our immediate  
requirements, and to the ladies and  
young ladies who devoted much of  
their time to helping us with our  
sewing.To the Press, last, but not least,  
we express our gratitude for their  
kind expressions of sympathy and  
for the help which we received  
through the appeals made by you.  
To one and all who in any way  
took interest in our sudden flight  
and contributed to our comfort and  
well-being we would say that we  
thank you heart and soul. Never  
can we forget their goodness and  
we will ever remember you in our  
prayers and ask that God reward  
you for all that you have done.From the most grateful Domini-  
can Sisters of Foochow.**American Fathers' Thanks.**Four of the American Fathers  
who arrived in Hong Kong last  
Sunday with other refugees from  
Foochow and the interior of Fu-  
kien, left for Seattle on Friday on  
the s.s. "President Jackson." These  
Fathers of the Dominican Mission  
at Fokien, together with Fathers  
of the Mission still in Hong Kong,  
write that they wish to associate  
themselves with the Sisters in their  
expressions of gratitude to those  
members of the Hong Kong com-  
munity who so kindly responded to  
the appeal for aid. They arrived  
here destitute of all except the  
clothes they stood up in, having  
been forced by the soldiers to leave  
all they possessed and it was not  
long after their arrival in Hong  
Kong that they were provided with  
much of what they required.While expressing their thanks to  
all who generously helped them  
with money or clothes, the Fathers  
ask those who have not already  
come forward to extend their gen-  
erous help to the many Fathers  
who are yet to come from the in-  
terior, and who, like themselves  
are sure to arrive destitute of all  
except what they stand in.**KOWLOON TONG SQUATTERS.**Mr. J. P. Braga will submit the  
following at Tuesday's meeting  
of the Sanitary Board:—"That in the opinion of this  
Board the close proximity of a  
squatters' settlement to the new  
and growing residential district  
of Kowloon Tong is prejudicial  
to the public health and in the  
interests of the residents of the  
district the permits granted to  
the squatters should be revoked  
as early as date as practicable."**SUNNING PIRACY.**The "China Mail" understands  
that the trial of the remaining  
two men alleged to have been  
concerned in the "Sunning"  
piracy will commence before Mr.  
R. E. Linnell at the Central  
Magistrate's Court to-morrow morning.**WAR NERVES.****SOME RECRUITING  
MISTAKES.**London.—Dr. A. F. Tredgold had  
some interesting things to say about  
"war nerves" when lecturing at the  
rooms of the Medical Society of  
London, under the auspices of the  
People's League of Health. This  
was the concluding lecture of a  
series on "The Mind and What We  
Ought to Know About It," and Dr.  
Tredgold's subject was "Mental  
Deficiency."He said mental deficiency should  
not be confused with scholastic  
inability. Some people whom he  
would have no hesitation in class-  
ing as mentally defective were  
quite learned; and, on the other  
hand, there were persons who had  
been stigmatised as mental defec-  
tives simply because they were  
difficult at school. He would not  
call them mental defectives, but  
merely of a lower grade than the  
normal. Eighty per cent. of the  
cases were inherited, and certainly  
the great majority of cases of shell-  
shock occurred in persons who were  
predisposed to it. Indeed, he knew  
of cases of shell-shock in men who  
had never left the country at all,  
and had never seen a shell. A  
very large number of cases would  
never have "gone off the deep end"  
if they had not been taken from  
their civilian employment, and a  
large percentage of them could have  
been recognised if the medical  
recruiting boards had had a  
neurologist on the staff.  
As it was, the boards simply wan-  
ted to know a man's height and  
weight and whether he had "ten  
fingers and ten toes, and they did  
not care a rap about his nervous  
system. The result was that they  
recruited a tremendous number of  
men who were quite incapable of  
withstanding the strain of the war.  
The Americans, on the other hand,  
subjected most of their recruits to  
neurological investigation, and the  
men whose nervous system was not  
considered sound were not recruit-  
ed.**PRINTER'S MISTAKE.****HOW RARE BUNYAN BOOK  
WAS SAVED.**London.—An interesting explana-  
tion as to how Bunyan's little tract,  
"Book for Boys and Girls," sold for  
£2,100 in London, was preserved  
was forthcoming later. Mr.  
Rowlatt-Jones, the local librarian  
at Hemel Hempstead, who was able  
to inform its late owner, Mrs.  
Miller, that she was the possessor  
of a literary rarity, stated that  
there was abundant evidence  
that her good fortune was due to  
an error by a printer or his boy in  
collating the pages of a little  
volume. The "Book for Boys and  
Girls" was bound up with Bunyan's  
"Water of Life," which was intend-  
ed for elders, and a number of ad-  
vertisements. To this mistake in  
"make up" was due the survival of  
one of the only two copies known  
to be in existence, the other, which  
is in the British Museum, having  
come from America forty years  
ago."It was only by accident," Mr.  
Jones added, "that the literary trea-  
sure was discovered. When I was  
consulted by Mrs. Miller's daughter  
I was asked if the copy of the  
"Water of Life" was of value. I dis-  
covered that the copy was dirty and  
torn. Just as Mrs. Miller was leav-  
ing I asked if the advertisements  
were complete. It was in looking  
for them that I found the "Book for  
Boys and Girls." I was then able  
to disclose to her that she was the  
possessor of a little tract possibly  
worth about £200. I admit the ex-  
traordinary sum of £2,100 was  
above my or anyone else's expecta-  
tion."**CLANKING "GHOST."****WATCHMAN'S MIDNIGHT  
ENCOUNTER.**The ghost which "has been  
heard" in East Barnet, Hertford-  
shire, was, according to the state-  
ment of Mr. Charles Anthony  
Gibson, a night watchman employ-  
ed by the urban council, actually  
seen by him. He said:  
"A few minutes before midnight  
I was standing smoking my pipe  
by my hut when I heard a strange  
noise, a few yards behind me.  
Turning round I saw what at  
first appeared to be a man in a  
long military coat, but I could  
see right through it, and there  
was nothing there but a skeleton.  
I am not going on duty to-night,  
but am being relieved by another  
watchman.  
The clanking apparition, it was  
previously stated, was heard in an  
old house connected by an under-  
ground passage with another house,  
now demolished, with which legend  
had associated the ghost of Geoffrey  
de Mandeville."When Tang Ming, an account-  
ant, was sitting behind the coun-  
ter of his shop, 801, Queen's Road  
West, counting a quantity of  
small coins, a fellow-countryman  
entered, grabbed three £5 rolls,  
and ran out into the street, only  
to fall into the arms of a Chinese  
spy, who promptly effected the  
man's arrest. The man will  
be charged this afternoon.



## LABOUR AND CHINA.

(Continued from page 1.)

of foreigners in Amoy, but there had been no trouble, there apart from a demonstration against the Catholic Mission which was suppressed by the police.

The nationalist sentiment amongst the students was very strong, but this was only to be expected. One could sympathise with the students.

In spite of the position in Shanghai, he did not think anything very serious would result.

He thought that the suggestion made at the dinner, given to Bishop Oldham that the old boys of the Anglo-Chinese School should endeavour to tell the Chinese the truth about the British attitude was a good one.

## EARLIER MESSAGES.

## Troops To Be Landed At Hong Kong?

London, Feb. 5. Speaking at Middleborough, Mr. Lloyd George supported the suggestion that the British troops should be landed at Hong Kong at present, so as to be within easy reach of Shanghai in the case of trouble.

Mr. Bridgeman, in a speech at Oswestry, said the British Government was bound to be impartial and not support any particular faction in the civil war in China. But the Socialist leaders had immediately plumped for a leader in China who was known to be anti-British. If there was an Imperialism at all, it was by the Labour Party, which had gone in for it by banking on that leader as their choice in the civil war which was no concern of theirs.

The cry of British Imperialism in China was a silly and meaningless slogan, or if it had any meaning it was a lie.

The leaders of the Socialist Party knew perfectly well that Britain had no Imperialist aims in China, yet for party purposes, they continued to declare it at the risk of helping Moscow which was bent on breaking up China and the British Empire.—Reuter.

**Bolshevik Ineptitude.** The "Observer," in an editorial on China, remarks: "Mr. Eugene Chen has doubtless been misled by the stereotyped ineptitude of Bolshevik counsels. He has committed the error of addressing the British Labour Party directly. He ought to understand he might as well try to move the minority in the United States against the American President and his Government."

At any given moment, according to our constitution, there is only one power in Great Britain and that in His Majesty's administration, supported by the majority in Parliament.

Mr. Eugene Chen does not understand that when he is led to attempt the Bolshevik trick of interfering with our domestic concerns and trying to divide the nation in order to weaken the King's Government, he strengthens Mr. Baldwin's, jeopardises the Labour Party's and weakens his own position. Mr. Chen will do well to deal with His Majesty's Ministers and them alone.

A patriotic Chinese leader, like Mr. Chen should shake himself free of Bolshevik impurities. He would be lured to his own doom by allowing himself to become the dupe and tool of Bolshevik monkeying on the subject of a British revolution.—Reuter.

## "No Special Anxiety."

London, Feb. 5. Speaking last night, the Health Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said that no special anxiety should be felt regarding the protracted nature of Cabinet meetings. "Nothing in the events of the day, or in the news the Government has received, need cast any shadow on the hope that while performing our obvious duty of protecting British lives and property in China, we should succeed in reaching a solution of our difficulties which would satisfy all reasonable sentiments of the Chinese people."—British Wireless Service.

**Labour and Mr. Chen.** A telegram which has been dispatched to Mr. Eugene Chen, by Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. George Hicks, on behalf of various Labour organisations, says: "The British Labour movement stands firmly for continuation of negotiations and urges all parties concerned to make that possible."—British Wireless Service.

## No Appreciable Change.

London, Feb. 5. Reuter understands that the general impression in competent London quarters is that there is unlikely to be any appreciable change in the British attitude in the Chinese crisis as a result of yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

The British Government will stand by its proposals and simultaneously continue to take adequate steps to protect British lives and property.

Another Cabinet meeting will be held early next week. In the meantime the Government remains in continuous communication with representatives of the spot.—Reuter.

## America's Proposal.

Washington, Feb. 5. The Government has proposed to the Cantonese and to Peking that the Shanghai International Settlement should be excluded from

the theatre of hostilities. The proposal was sent to Mr. McMurray for transmission to the Northern and Southern war lords, but no answers have yet been received.—Reuter's American Service.

## The American Forces.

London, Feb. 5. Although their exact disposition is not disclosed, thirty-three American vessels and two thousand five hundred Marines are now reported by the Press to be strategically available for protection of American lives and interests in China.—British Wireless Service.

## Italy's Attitude.

London, Feb. 5. Influential Italian newspapers, which are believed to reflect the intention to comment favourably on the attitude assumed by the British regarding Shanghai. The "Corriere della Sera" says it is Italy's duty not to remain aloof. Her place is at the side of Britain. She must show herself ready with forces proportionate to her interests in Shanghai.—British Wireless Service.

## Soviet Comment.

Moscow, Feb. 5. The Government organ "Izvestia," discussing the events in China, says that if the Soviet is in a position to advise the Cantonese it will never advise the Nationalist Government to sever its ties with foreign capital, appreciating as it does the value of such ties for a renegade Chinese state.—Reuter.

## Conditions in Hankow.

Hankow, Feb. 5. Following a clear up in the weather, people came out into the streets, but at the time of writing (1 p.m.) all appears quiet and unquiet. This is partly attributed to some reports to the effect that the military authorities have arrested the leading organisers in the demonstration which had been planned for yesterday.

The evidence of the official determination to preserve a peaceful atmosphere is seen in the wholesale removal of posters with which the buildings in the British Concession were plastered.—Reuter.

## No New Decisions.

London, Feb. 5. The situation in China, where the New Year is being celebrated, remains substantially unchanged. Mr. O'Malley remains at Hankow, which is reported quiet. The British Government is occupied with the situation created by Mr. Eugene Chen's refusal to sign the draft agreement regarding the status of Hankow and Kiangsi Concessions, but new decisions are reported as a result of yesterday's Cabinet meetings.—British Wireless Service.

## NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

## American Steamers Fired On.

A Naval Wireless message despatched from the upper reaches of the Yangtze and dated February 5 states that two American steamers were fired on at Patung on Friday. The steamers were proceeding down the river with missionaries on board. There were no casualties.

## Ichang, Feb. 5.

Anti-British propaganda continues. The British American Tobacco Company's premises are still occupied by troops.

## Chengtu Looted?

Changsha, Feb. 5. About 200 troops proceeded down the river to-day. There are rumours that Chengtu has been looted by unpaid soldiers, and that Yuan Teu Ming and other generals have been assassinated.

## Hankow, Feb. 5.

Posters have been circulated to-day reporting the occupation of Shanghai by the Cantonese.

## Kiuksing, Feb. 5.

It is reported that Nanchang has been extensively looted by unpaid soldiers.

## LATEST OUTRAGE.

**Priests Stabbed, Disrobed, Beaten.** Somewhere in the icy slush-covered wilderness of north-west Hupsh, barefoot and without clothing except for their trousers and undershirts, Fathers F. MacDonald and Patrick O'Connell, St. Columban's mission, are being dragged towards the interior by two thousand members of the Farmers' Union.

Their church, which is situated in a small village one hundred and fifty miles from Hankow, was completely destroyed on January 20. The Fathers were stabbed, beaten and disrobed. They were then marched off barefooted, and have not been heard of since. Appointed to the Foreign Office of the Nationalist Government, promised immediate release of the captured missionaries, but up to the present there has been no action.—Reuter.

## MOSCOW'S FEARS.

London, Feb. 5. The agitation in a section of the Press of England in favour of abrogation of the Anglo-Russian trade agreement is apparently causing some uneasiness at Moscow judging from a lengthy statement by the Acting Foreign Commissary, M. Litvinov, transmitted to the Moscow papers, in which, after combating the charges of Soviet influence, hindering a peaceful Anglo-Chinese agreement, he declares the Soviet Government has never forgotten its obligations under the Anglo-Russian treaty of 1921. The

## STAR IN THE EAST.

## ADDRESS AT LOCAL CENTRE OF THE ORDER.

At the meeting of the Hong Kong Centre of the Order of the Star in the East yesterday, at No. 7, Duddell Street, Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "The Coming of the Christ and the Order of the Star in the East."

He said in brief:—For some time past there has been growing, in widely different parts of the world, a belief that the time is near at hand of the coming of a great Spiritual Teacher. The expectation of such a teacher is fully confirmed by Occult Science and by those who are in touch with the Occult Mysteries and with the Inner Government of the World—the Great White Lodge of Supermen. The Men made Perfect, of whose existence one finds a faint recollection in the Community of Saints of the Christian Faith.

**Coming of the Great One.** For centuries past this great Occult Organisation, which is the true directing force behind the outward pageant of human history, has been preparing for the even, and all is now practically ready for the coming of the Great One.

The time has now come for all this hidden work to press to the surface. The lead was taken sixteen years ago by two bodies, the Theosophical Society and the Order of the Star in the East. The Order has 42 organised National Sections and a membership of 100,000.

**Leaders and Centres.** The Head of the Order, Mr. J. Krishnamurti, is accepted by members as the representative of the coming teacher in the outer world. Its two permanent officials are Dr. Annie Besant and the Right Rev. C. W. Leadbeater.

There are four International Centres; at Adyar, which is the Headquarters of the T.S., at Sydney, New South Wales; at Ommen, Holland; and Ojai, California. The last named spot has already been consecrated by significant happenings in the inner world.

## CABARET COUNTESS.

## FAMILY RESENT USE OF NAME.

"Countess Josephine von und zu Eltz" is the lawful title of a pretty young cabaret dancer, now fulfilling an engagement in Budapest, her husband, Count Paul Eltz, being a member of an Austrian family.

Her first husband, a rich old coffee planter in Buenos Aires, left her a large fortune when he died. The young Austrian count wooed the pretty widow there and married her. Her fortune was speedily dissipated, and she has this year obtained a judicial separation from her husband and begun to earn her living again as a dancer, her original vocation.

In Austria the title was worth much to her, because titles are abolished there, but in Hungary and other countries she can call herself "countess" with advantage. The Eltz family have started legal proceedings to protect their family name from what they consider desecration.

straining of Anglo-Russian relations would be a blow to the interests, not only of the whole of Britain, but also to those very financial and industrial groups which are now so loudly demanding a rupture in relations.—Reuter.

## JAPAN READY.

Tokyo, Feb. 5. The cruiser "Tenryu" and four destroyers have been ordered from Kuao to Sasebo with a landing party of three hundred, to await further instructions. It is understood they will be sent to Shanghai if necessary.—Reuter.

## TIENTSIN TROUBLE.

Tientsin, Feb. 5. An outbreak occurred in a carpet factory in the former German Concession this morning when Mr. Thomas, the Managing Director, dismissed a workman.

The latter showed hostility and urged forty men in the next room to attack Mr. Thomas who escaped to the yard where a mob of 350 was urged by the foreman to kill him.

Mr. Thomas, who is a cripple, was felled by the mob, but he was rescued from a critical position by Sikh watchmen.

The police were sent to quell the outbreak. Mr. Thomas paid a tribute to the Sikhs. It is asserted that the extent of Communist activities in Tientsin is not realised by the authorities.—Reuter.

## CAPE HORN.

## PLUM DUFF WASHING ABOUT LEES SCUPPERS.

## CONTRAST WITH OLD DAYS.

At the annual Christmas dinner celebrations at the Aged Mariners' Home, Egremont, Captain J. Fortay (President of the Mercantile Marine Service Association), delineated for the benefit of the old seamen a Christmas Day in many of their lives in the sailing-ship days, off Cape Horn.

He vividly portrayed such a day when, he said, many of the old seamen before him could go back 40 or 50 years ago—the days of the sailing ships—and remember the same experiences as he had passed through himself of having Christmas Day at sea, when they were hoisted to under three lower-topsails on the pitch of Cape Horn.

Eight bells had gone and probably when there was a sudden change of wind the officer of the watch, belayed out from the poop. "All hands on deck, wear ship." They would remember how they dived in to their seaboots and stood by the after braces, the helm was put up, and the ship was paid off before the wind, the water squelching out of their seaboots, when suddenly a comer comes over the weather rail, and they then found themselves floundering in the lee scuppers.

When they got their head above water the water was getting below to finish their dinner, but they invariably found the plum duff was swimming round in the scuppers among the salt, water, and there was nothing for it but to sing a "Te Deum" over the departed plum duff, and they made a vow that when they got ashore they would buy a farm and never go to sea again. He would ask them to contrast these conditions with their present pleasant surroundings.

In the peace and quietness of the Aged Mariners' Home, with the cure and attention they got from the chairman of the committee (Captain Jones), Captain Chubb (deputy-chairman), Miss Matt (matron), Captain Jefferies, and the staff of the Home. He thought they would agree with him that they had every reason to be thankful for the many privileges and blessings they were enjoying.

Captain Charles Jones presided, and among those present, in addition to Captain Fortay, were, Captain R. Chubb (deputy-chairman), and Mr. Thomas Scott (secretary of the Mercantile Marine Service Association). At the conclusion of the dinner each of the 99 inmates were handed plugs of tobacco, which were the gifts of Mr. Andrew Gibson and the managers of the White Star Line. The age of the present inmates ranges from 55, the youngest, to about 85, the oldest, the oldest in point of years being Captain Brown, aged 85 years. He, unfortunately, was unable to participate in the Christmas festivities, as he had been taken to the infirmary a few days before. All the inmates have put in very lengthy service in the Mercantile Marine, mostly in British ships, and all of them have had very interesting careers. One of them was on board the "Titanic" when she was lost, and also the "Lusitania" when she was torpedoed, and when he went to join his next boat the men refused to sail in her, and they looked upon him as a Jonah. Consequently he was compelled to retire from the sea, and has entered the Aged Mariners' Home.

Captain Jones said the Homes were kept up by voluntary contributions. They had in their secretariat a gentleman who had always proved towards the maintenance of the Homes, and most successful in obtaining subscriptions he (the chairman) hoped that the inmates would not make Mr. Scott's work more difficult to accomplish by doing anything that would reflect upon the good name of the institution.

Mr. Scott said they were very fortunate to have as president of the Mercantile Marine Service Association Captain Fortay, who had gone through all the experiences of seafaring life, and had passed through the month of December brought round the birthday of that institution, for it was on December 16, 1882, that the Duke of Edinburgh, who was the sailor son of the late Queen Victoria, officially opened the institution to admit 14 old mariners. That number had steadily grown; a year ago it was 50; to-day it was 99, and since the Home had been opened no less than 854 seamen had become inmates. In conclusion, he would like to say how much the council of the association were indebted to Miss Matt (matron), Captain Jefferies (house-steward), and Mrs. Jefferies, and Captain Jones and Captain Chubb, both of whom were wedded to the welfare of the institution.

**MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.** The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, yesterday, and is due here on Feb. 25.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The Reichstag passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 285 to 174.—Reuter.

The Baltic, Black and White Sea and Arctic ports of the Soviet Union were visited during the business year 1926-27, by 2,797 large vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 1,385,000. The number of ships leaving the same ports was 2,826, with a tonnage of 1,470,000 tons.

The crew of the Hamburg steamer "Tollu," which went ashore on Green Island, on the north coast of Newfoundland, have been landed.

## TILDEN AGAIN.

## TOP, 7TH CONSECUTIVE SEASON.

## WORLD'S LIST ISSUED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5. After excluding Vincent Richards from the 1926 ranking on the ground of his professional status, the Lawn Tennis Association of America classed W. T. Tilden as the world's leading amateur for the seventh consecutive year.—Reuter's American Service.

## A LEGAL COMEDY.

## CHAPLIN'S MATRIMONIAL AFFAIRS.

New York, Jan. 19. Charlie Chaplin's matrimonial affairs developed overnight into a legal comedy. While the comedian lies on a bed of sickness in New York, his wife is staging a succession of Court scenes in Los Angeles, which his lawyer describes sarcastically as "The Gold Rush."

Among others, Mrs. Chaplin has obtained an alimony order retroactive for two months, an order of \$300 as part of the fee to her lawyers, an order of \$480 to pay for bonds wherewith receivers have taken over her husband's property, an order giving custody of the children, and an order forbidding the comedian to visit them. She failed to secure an order of \$1200 with which to pay her detectives.—Wireless.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.

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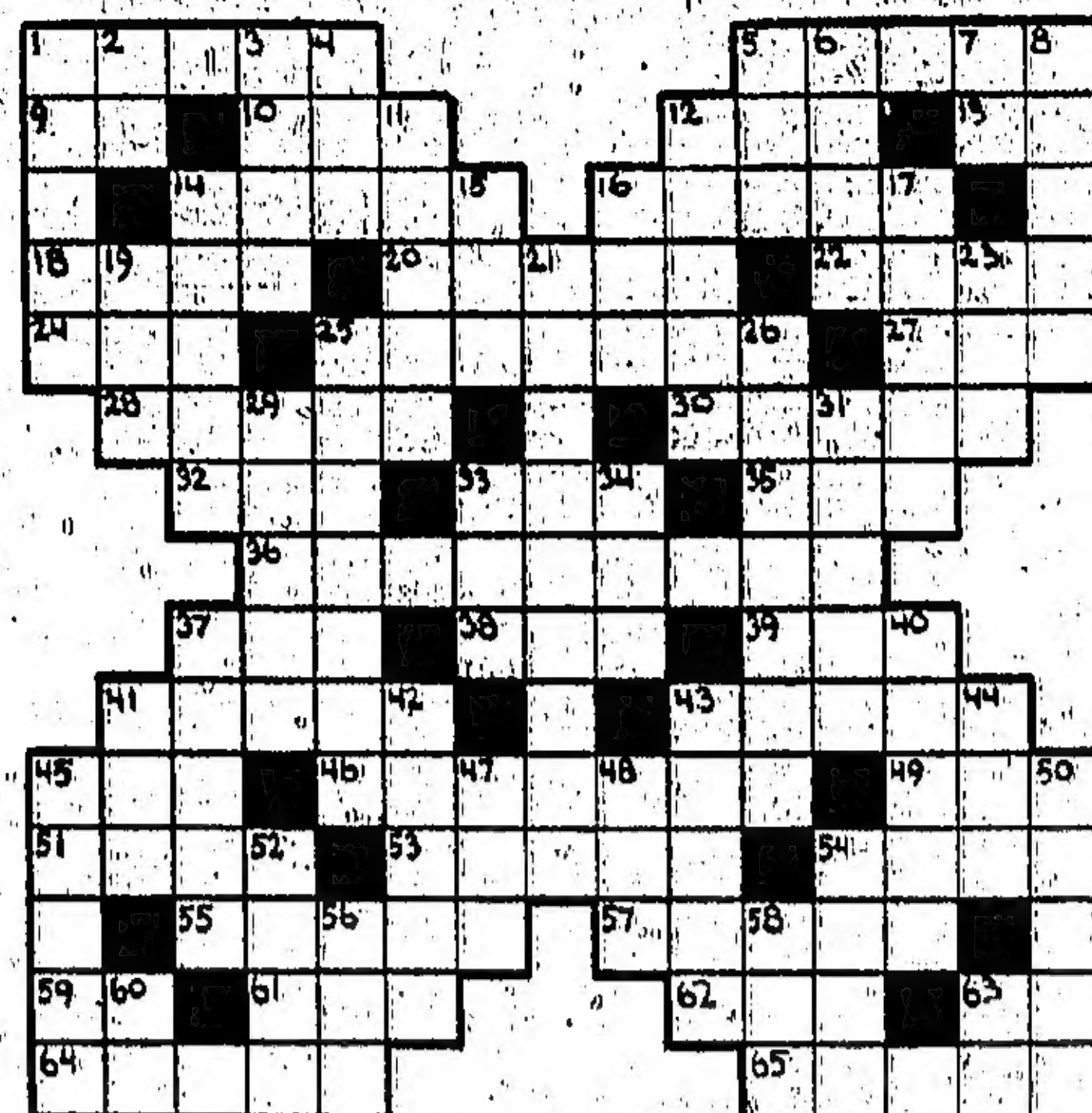






## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| <b>HORIZONTAL</b><br>1-Convay<br>5-Cash<br>9-Omissions excepted (abbr.)<br>10-Sphere<br>12-Body of water<br>13-River in Italy<br>14-Low mean<br>16-Part of body (pl.)<br>18-Paper measure<br>20-Eagle's nest<br>22-Greek goddess of youth<br>24-Obstruct<br>26-Respects<br>27-Conducted<br>28-Disprove<br>30-Runken carousel<br>32-Etruscan god<br>33-A beverage<br>35-Ionic (abbr.)<br>36-Brightly<br>37-Newspaper notices (abbr.)<br>38-Untruth<br>39-Look up<br>41-Melody<br>43-A fruit<br>45-Depressed<br>46-Affirmed | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b><br>48-Suffix. Same as "an"<br>51-Stumble<br>53-Helped<br>54-Prefix. Before<br>55-Incline<br>57-Implied<br>59-Point of compass (abbr.)<br>61-A retort (abbr.)<br>62-Boy<br>63-Prefix. Out<br>64-Heavy wagon<br>65-Male voice<br><b>VERTICAL</b><br>1-Flat plank<br>2-Prefix. Again<br>3-Authoritative standard<br>4-Twelve dozen (abbr.)<br>5-Discern<br>6-Thin strip of wood<br>7-Country of Europe (abbr.)<br>8-Anticipated<br>11-Exult<br>12-Apparels<br>14-Desert animal<br>15-Beine | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b><br>16-Blind<br>17-Girl's name<br>19-Organ of head<br>21-Recovered<br>23-Insect<br>25-Europe and Asia<br>26-Stopped over<br>28-Poets<br>31-Regal<br>33-Make III<br>34-Point of compass (abbr.)<br>37-A balance-sheet<br>40-To sharpen<br>41-Spoil<br>42-Cliques<br>43-Commemorative disk<br>44-Naturalist (abbr.)<br>45-Tolerate<br>46-Cover<br>48-Obtain<br>50-At no time<br>52-Entrust<br>54-Army assistant<br>56-Navy officer (abbr.)<br>58-House pet<br>60-Suffix forming comparative<br>63-Accomp |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



cats that cotton flouncings, frills, and tucks made of lace will be popular on the summer frocks. These "new" fashions are, of course, only very old ideas resurrected in a modified form.

Because of the depression, a number of lace workers have left the industry temporarily for other trades.

Many manufacturers hope that the Queen's Christmas order of Nottingham lace for her personal use will have the effect of popularizing lace. Her purchases include seven flouncings.

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## FASHIONS AND FANCIES

## The All White Evening Dress.



Picture Dresses Still Dominate the Evening Mode.

In a season where there is much attention paid to brilliancy in the evening mode the picture dress that appears in simple lace, tulle or net appears as a distinct relief. It carries with it much charm and originality and always strikes a note of individuality in the formal scene.

The vogue for lace gowns is well established as the season advances. Many of them are in the various colours sponsored by a colourful season, while still others choose the simplicity of plain black or white. Gold and silver are much seen, of course, in the glittering mood of fashion, and they are indeed gorgeous in the robe de soire. But the all white or all black receives most attention when strikingly de-

signed in the unusual lines of the period frock.

Billie Dove in First National's "Three in Love," who wears her clothes with exceptional distinction, has selected a picture frock of all white tulle, which in its general design follows the Empire period. It is very long, its skirt terminating in four tiers of ruffles of the tulle. Its bodice is short waisted and a dash of simple appeal in white satin graces the waist. There is much distinction to this gown.

The transparent fabrics are much worn. In fluttering panels or tiers they lend a fluffy and youthful silhouette. Many of the very bouffant evening gowns are of tulle or net over an under drop of satin or taffeta.

The ostrich trimming that has become established in the mode for things new frequently finds itself adding a note of the unusual to the picture frocks of transparent fabrics. The straight fringes or the curled feathers appear with equal beauty at all places.

A frock for formal occasions that breathes youth in its charming lines frequently possesses fluttering flounces of tulle with a huge flower of chiffon in brightly contrasted colour at the hip. The bodice of this simple but appealing type of evening dress has simple outline and a slightly bloused effect. The uneven lines at the hem of the skirt introduce another favourite point in the picture gown.

The vogue for laces and fringe also serves to introduce another important fashion in the evening mode. The sheer laces and gracefully swaying fringes are harmoniously combined in some of the newest gowns for the formal appearance.

would never keep time with the various courses. In these conditions a woman would collapse under the strain of carrying heavy trays of dishes and bottles. Then, again, women, charming as they look in their neat and artistic dresses, can never present the dignified appearance of some of the men waiters who serve at the City public feasts, and the host at a great function has to bear this fact in mind. "Consider the effect of waitresses at the Lord Mayor's dinner to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the bankers and merchants of the City—an important, dignified and purely business men's gathering," said a gentleman who is a frequent guest at Mansion House functions. Women as well as men, he added, liked to see men waiters at really "dressy" dinners.

## Kid and Leather.



The sports coat will, of course, be seen throughout the winter season.

Trim lines are accentuated in the sports models. There is a dash and straightness of line to the informal coat that marks it for youth's own.

And the leather or kidskin coat has entered into a season that demands the unusual in its wardrobe with so much style that at least one coat should appear in the young person's wardrobe.

Kidskins come in natural tones or may be dyed almost any shade. With kashas favoured for linings in the sports coat, there is a great chance to introduce colour to the sports world. Leather coats strikingly lined in reds, greens, orange, rose and blue appear almost everywhere. These gay linings frequently appear, adding a colourful note to the leather coat in either lapel collar, cuff or in a general banding effect that is highly satisfying and new.

Black kidskin lined in scarlet presented one of the smartest pictures recently at a sports event, while the white kidskin coat worn by Alice White in her First National film, "The Runaway Enchantress," is no less dishingly lapped. It possesses an attractive feature in its black fox collar, which furthers the popularity of that always becoming combination of black and white.

## LACE AGAIN.

## Fashions For Next Spring.

The return to popularity of lace on women's garments is anticipated in the spring by Nottinghamshire lace manufacturers.

Mr. S. Hickling, president of the Lace Finishers' Association, said:

"All the Paris fashions for the spring are designed to allow a generous proportion of 'let-in' lace on underwear. If this fashion develops as we expect it will there should shortly be a revival of prosperity in the industry. Much of the machinery now in use by the leading houses is of an up-to-date kind which makes a greater variety of more beautiful laces, approaching hand-made texture in their finish."

"There are signs of a return to a modified form of 'ruffe' to be worn over spring and summer costumes as a separate article. The advance fashions also indi-

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## BRINGING UP FATHER.



## THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

During 1926 \$5,500,000 was deposited in Glasgow Savings Bank.

Mr. Francis Carr, aged 103, of Church End, Hanley Castle, near Worcester, has died.

Mrs. Arnold, a widow, of Selford Avenue, Barnet, has just celebrated her 103rd birthday.

Sir Edward Lionel Fletcher has accepted a seat on the London board of the Queensland National Bank.

In a Football League match at Highbury the Arsenal defeated Manchester United by one goal nothing.

A world's cricket record has been made by Victoria, who, in a match at Melbourne, reached a total of 1,107 runs.

Sundham, playing at Calcutta against the Europeans of the East, scored his seventh century of the M.C.C. team's tour.

The Paris departmental council has decided to allot \$5,500,000 to give employment on public works to be executed this winter.

Easter Hero, the favourite, won the Gamecock Handicap Steeplechase at Kempton Park by three-quarters of a length from Hackdene.

A Sydney message says that the New South Wales Legislative Council has passed the Bill imposing a tax of one halfpenny on newspapers.

During Christmas, when it was closed, the Palace Theatre Cinema, Oldham, was broken into and a night's takings, about £250, were stolen.

The heavyweight champion of the world, Gene Tunney, narrowly escaped death when he lost his balance and fell into the water at Moosehead Lake, near Portland, Maine. Three friends rescued him.

After a riot between Communists and Anarchists at the Lyons Labour Exchange the Anarchists attacked and pillaged the Communist headquarters and wounded the secretary with a shot from a revolver.

He was eating during the whole of Christmas Day, it was stated at the inquest on a 13-year-old boy, Charles Smith, of Bentley, Hampshire. The cause of death was reflex stopping of the heart from indigestion.

Prince Ludwig Windischgratz, who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in connection with the forgeries of French banknotes in Hungary, has been released "on two months' sick leave," and removed to a nursing home.

A confession that he had been acting on behalf of a German who asked him to get certain information concerning French military aviation is alleged to have been made by Vivian Stranders, an ex-officer of the British Army, who has been arrested in Paris.

The second and third engineers of the British steamer "Bellevue," which arrived at Philadelphia from Cardiff and which was at anchor in the Delaware River, were scalded to death when a steam pipe burst. The names of the men are given as N. Dunning and W. T. Griffiths.

Lawrence Arthur Waller, described as an ex-officer of superior education, was sentenced at Marylebone to three months' imprisonment for stealing £10 from Mr. Felix Brittain, of Elgin Mansions, Maida-vale, who had befriended him, the magistrate remarking that Waller had been guilty of disgusting ingratitude.

The alleged spy said to have been working in Paris on behalf of an agent of the German secret service, who is at present detained in the Santé Prison, is described as Vivian Stranders, an ex-Royal Field Artillery officer. The Special Branch at Scotland Yard and the French police have been working in the closest secrecy and the greatest co-operation in regard to the matter.

Edward Butler, a member of the crew of the fishing-boat "Ingomar," who had been adrift in a small open boat for six days, reached Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, having been picked up by the schooner "Marion Mason" off Sable Island. Butler was in a serious condition owing to the terrible exposure he had undergone.

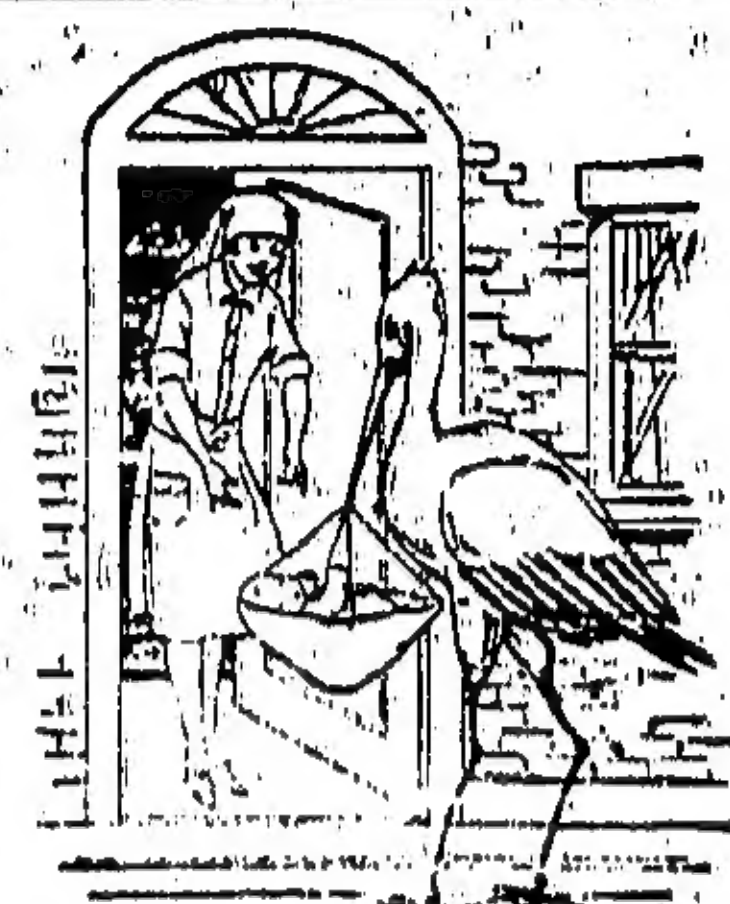
The decision of the Government to make illegal the affiliation of Civil Service associations with outside industrial political bodies has only had the effect of intensifying Socialist propaganda amongst and by its own servants. A "Defence" Committee has been set up by the associations affiliated to the E.U.C. and the Labour Socialist party to conduct a campaign against the Government. Monthly circulars are supplied to every member of these associations, and in the India Office these are distributed officially.

Major F. W. Barrett's Coronation won the Amateur Riders' Steeplechase at Cheltenham.

Tottenham Hotspur scored the only two goals obtained in their football match against the Corinthians.

In the golf competition of the Croydon and District Alliance at Molesey Hurst, R. G. Wilson created a new professional record for the course with a score of 88.

The Stockport Fire Brigade's engine whizzed and dashed into a wall whilst rushing to a fire. Superintendent Beckwith was killed, Inspector Rusby and Fireman Rogers were severely injured, and several other firemen slightly injured.



THE AFTERMATH OF MATERNITY.

Nature decreed that motherhood should entail no serious consequences. Artificial modes of life have ordained otherwise. One sees all too frequently women whose vitality has been permanently impaired through child-birth, and whose health might have been conserved had timely thought been given to the inroads upon the feminine constitution by artificial standards of living.

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Skidding on a slippery road near Preston, a motor-car ran through a hedge and overturned, killing Mrs. Bertha Westbury, of King's Avenue, Clapham Park.

Nearly 100,000 Post Office workers are concerned in a claim for additional wages amounting to more than \$8,000,000, which is to be heard by the Civil Service Industrial Court.

A decrease of \$2,588 in the annual income of the Royal Commercial Travellers' Schools (Ping-pong), in which there are 360 children, was reported at a meeting of the board of management.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers, of Daisy Cottage, Sandhurst, Berks, were killed by a motor-car in which they were returning home from a Christmas party colliding with a tree and completely overturning. A third passenger and the driver were injured.

At the conference of the Teachers' Labour League, the president said it was an insane policy for workers to fight each other instead of fighting Capitalism. A resolution was passed condemning the Government for excluding delegates from abroad.

Toys sent by the Queen and by Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, who received training as a nurse there, were distributed at a Christmas party at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street. Thanks to the fund raised by the Lady Mayor, over 60,000 poor children received toys which they would not otherwise have had at Christmas.

Early this year 14,000 male settlers will leave Britain for Canada, the largest contingent that has ever sought a home in the Dominion. Of this number, the Canadian Government undertake to place 10,000 on farms and the remainder will go out under the Canadian railway companies and will be placed on farms by their respective organizations.

A message to the Agent-General for New South Wales from his Government gives the names of the following persons who are reported to have lost their lives in the recent bush fires:—Clifford Clarence Charles, of Wallaby Park, Narramine; Norman Robert, Beveridge, of Alvalah, Narramine; Moses Walters, of Coramba; Michael David Nilson, of Merschaum Vale, Warrumbungle; Charles George Allen, of Werrabee, Brolgan, near Parkes; James Charles Cox, of Bethungra.



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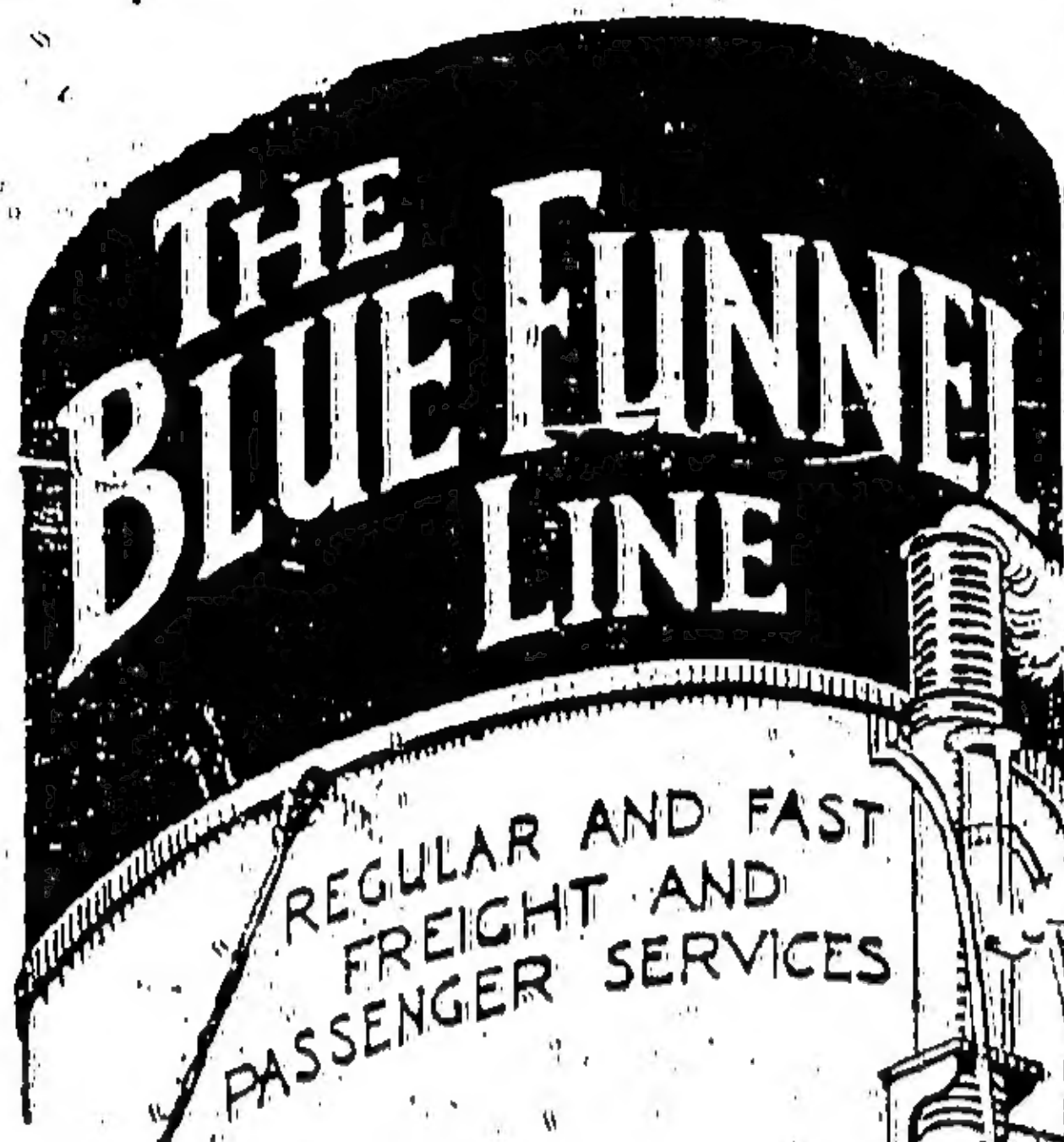
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## BRITAIN LEADS.

SELF-SUPPORTING INSURANCE SCHEME.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

Rugby, Feb. 6.  
Mr. Winston Churchill, in a speech at Burnley last night, expressed satisfaction that before the evils of general strike and coal stoppage occurred last year the Government was able to carry out great measure of social reform, namely the scheme of widows' pensions and old-age pensions, at sixty-five.  
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Mr. Bistany hopes to take back four giraffes with him to New York and also some pigmy elephants from India.

## "BOHEMIA."

END OF A LONDON RESORT.

London, Jan. 23.  
Shades of Bohemian London of the 'eighties and 'nineties brooded over Leicester Square last night when the famous Empire Theatre ended its 43 years' of hectic life to the chorus of "Auld Lang Syne."

There was a crowded house including a large sprinkling of old habits and artists, who were disappointed that, owing to the contract, nothing more appropriate to the occasion could be produced than the popular American revue "Lady Be Good," but their enthusiasm found outlet at the appearance of the former premiere danseuse, Adeline Genes, in a box, and later of the Prince of Wales, who chatted behind the scenes before taking his seat in the box.

Sir Alfred Butt, in a farewell message, traced the downfall of the theatre from the closing of the famous promenade owing to busy bodies, who compelled a source of innocent gaiety and true Bohemianism to be taken away.

The Empire Theatre is being demolished immediately and will give place to a super cinema.

## RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

GOOD WAGGONS HURLED INTO RAVINE.

Bangkok, January 29.  
A serious railway accident occurred on the Northern line not far from Chiangmai.  
A goods train, with paid, was bound for Bangkok when the engine and some sixteen wagons were derailed.  
The gradients in that part are heavy and there are deep ravines. Eleven wagons were hurled into a ravine and two of the train staff were injured. A breakdown gang has been sent up from Bangkok.

## EMPIRE FRUIT.

INDIAN BOY'S SUCCESSFUL ESSAY.

London, Jan. 23.  
The second prize for an essay on the Empire's Food Supply in the Royal Colonial Institute's 1926 competition has been awarded to Gangadhar Vishnu Lala of the High School, Pusa.  
There were 32 competitors.

## CANADA'S JUBILEE.

KING AND QUEEN UNABLE TO ATTEND.

BUT PRINCE OF WALES TO GO.

Rugby, Feb. 6.  
Owing to the pressure of State and social functions at Home the King and Queen have been unable to accept the invitation to visit Canada for the jubilee celebrations in July.

Unless unforeseen circumstances prevent him, however, the Prince of Wales will go to Canada, and has planned provisionally to leave London about the beginning of August.

It is probable also that the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, will visit Canada during the Parliamentary recess in the summer.—British Wireless Service.

## BRITISH INSTITUTE.

SCHEME FOR FRENCH UNIVERSITY.

London, Jan. 23.

It is announced that a sum of over £30,000 has already been subscribed towards the well-sponsored scheme requiring £80,000 to found the British Institute in Paris.

Lord Crews, making a public appeal for funds, explains that the project aims, in the first place, at founding a British residential college at the Cité Universitaire, where Canada, Belgium and the Argentine have already established Colleges where facilities exist for the commingling of students of many nationalities, and declares that the French University authorities have generously granted a free site.

In the second place Lord Crews explains that it aims at the acquisition of a tutorial college near by. Lord Revelstoke has consented to act as Honorary Treasurer of the fund.

## N.C.O.'S COMMISSIONS.

SUCCESS OF EXPERIMENTAL TRAINING PLAN.

London, Jan. 23.  
The experimental plan for the training of young non-commissioned officers at Sandhurst College for commissions has been successful.

The pass-out list for 1926, containing 90 names, shows that the non-commissioned officers sent to the college 18 months ago won the first three places, headed by Lance-Corporal Shearer, of the Worcestershire Regiment. Men from the ranks also take the seventh, tenth, eleventh and twelfth places.

Altogether 20 men from the ranks qualified.  
Lance-Corporal Shearer is 21 years of age. He played full-back for his battalion in the Association Football team. He attended the Duke of York's School at Dover.

## LADY WIMBORNE.

DEATH REPORTED FROM LONDON.

London, Jan. 22.  
The death has occurred of the octogenarian, Cornelia, Lady Wimborne, mother of Viscount Wimborne.

Mrs. Mesteroff, of No. 4 Jordan Road, Kowloon, has reported to the Police the theft of a perambulator from the rear of her house.

"Bitten by a Chow dog at a shop in Ship Street, a Japanese girl has been sent to the G.C.H. for attention." The dog is under observation at Kennedy Town.

Arrested by Div. Insp. A. Blackman for creating a disturbance at Saturday's Interport Football match, a Chinese was fined \$25 or 14 days' hard labour by Major Wilson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In prosecuting a Chinese for the theft of three linen bed-spreads from a clothes line in the garden of Mr. D. Templeton's house adjoining the Taikee Sugar Refinery, Insp. A. Clarke asked Major Wilson to "pass on exemplary sentence owing to the prevalence of similar offences in the neighbourhood." Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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